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A HISTORY OF
HOPEWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of Burnsville Township in
Anson County, North Carolina

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in 1984.
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I dedicate this work to my relatives and friends
 who were and are members of Hopewell United Methodist
 Church; but especially to Mrs. Edna Mae Tarlton Griggs.

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FORWARD

The following fragments come from a 1959 address to the Historical Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, but they speak to anyone wondering why this work is necessary.

"History is one of the essential ways of understanding life. It opens the mind to the past and sets the present upon the broad base of time and human ingenuity. . . .

Loss of historic perspective leads to poverty of appreciation and fading loyalty. Lost historical perspective fences one in by the local, and roots him in the superficial and contemporary. Without deep roots penetrating into the rich soil of the historical struggle of the past, the present branches of our hope and aspiration will scarcely spread far.

Our strength must be made BOLD IN MEMORY. . . .

To view the past with mere curiosity, or for the purpose of rejoicing in our growth, or kindle anew our natural bent to hero worship is not of the highest motive. We cannot look to the past and glory in its victories and "back-up" to the tasks of today or to the preparation for the future.

To look at the past must be for the purpose of gaining a greater perspective, a clearer sense of values, a nobler sense of mission, and a more certain understanding of our Lord's power to achieve victory through surrendered and dedicated workmen in the most difficult situations.

With this assurance of the deep and essential meaning of our history for us,"

These words of A. J. Walton remind us that we need to know our past for that defines where we come from, but to use our past for a understanding of our present and to renew our dedication to mission and ministry of Hopewell United Methodist Church, not only in the community of Burnsville Township and among the local congregation, but throughout our connectional opportunities.

January 31st, 1992
Randy Harvey Tarlton

BURNSVILLE TOWNSHIP

There were people living in the part of Anson County known as Burnsville as early as 1753, probably much earlier. There are records of land deeds to Lee, Lilly, Dremas, and Stokes from 1750-1756. This land was on Rocky River. In 1747 John Lee, William Brooks, Anne Trull, John Culpepper (Culpeper), and Thomas English bought land on the Rocky River from George Augustus Selwyn of the County of Gloucester in the Kingdom of Great Britian through his attorney, Henry McCulloch. James and Dumas are also early family names in this region of rolling hills and farmland. From Virginia about 1770, the Curlee, Parker and the Yarborough families came into this region and settled. A little later, Broadway, O'Neals (O'Neils), Clennys, Nances, Allens, and Edwards settled in the central and southern part. About 1800, or a little earlier, those by name of Thomas, Burns, Beverly, Benton, Hatcher, Staton, Efird and Kiker came. It is thought that all these people came to America during the migration. It has been said by ancestors that the Kiker, Hatcher, Clenny, and Horns were Pennsylvania Dutch (German). There is a record of the township being called Burnsville as early as 1836. Walter Burns was the first to settle in the actual community of Burnsville (that's how Burnsville got its name). He lived about a mile North of Burnsville School. He ran a tavern or inn. At this place was a store, post office, shoe shop, and a shop that made hats from fur. At one time a race track also existed. Burnsville has always been strickly an agricultural section. On Rocky River and Lanes Creek there were grist mills to grind corn and wheat. Uriah Staton had a grist mill and a saw mill on Lanes Creek. A Kiker and later the Burns had a cording mill on Lanes Creek where they made rolls of wool. Darling Allen made brick at his place to build chimneys. Many of the large farms had cotton gins. The creeks tell of families that settled in this NorthWest section of Anson County bordering Union and Stanly Counties.

The oldest house now standing in Burnsville is on Rural Road No. 1439, Lanier Road, off 742. It was built in 1807 by William Hatcher. Eliza Horn, Stogner Kiker and Melvina Ham Baker lived in it.

This house was built of huge logs, long enough for two rooms and a hall. It was built on land granted to William Hatcher by the state of North Carolina. It belongs to Paul J. Kiker in Wadesboro. At one time there was a loom upstairs for weaving cloth for clothes, sheets, and spreads. There was a windlass on the back porch that you lowered a bucket on a rope down to a spring under the hill and draw a bucket of water. Water from this spring was all they had.

The family cemetery was across the road from the house. Sometime in the 1970's Miss Viola Kiker had the monuments moved and placed in the Kiker, Davis, Staton plot in Hopewell cemetery.

In the early settlements a great deal of the activities of the people centered in the church outside of farming. This remained true into the middle of this century. In his sociological work of 1986, Standing at the Crossroads: Southern Life in the 20th Century, Pete Daniel observes, "Southern Farmers organized their lives around crop cycles, community stores, and churches. . . . On Sundays most rural Southerners went to church-the preaching service, picnics, and revivals became an integral part of life. . . ." The church record is the only record of the early years of a rural community. To a large extent this is true of Burnsville. Family Bibles, Deeds, Wills, and an occasional surviving paper or letter offer some evidence of events in the community but they exist mostly from the past one hundred years. By all accounts the oldest church in Burnsville Township is Rocky River Baptist Church, founded in 1776. Hopewell United Methodist Church is the second oldest according to the surviving records: it was organized in 1808.

The Pennsylvania Dutch were Germans; Dutch is a simpler way of pronouncing and spelling Deitsch (Deutsch in modern German, which is the adjective meaning German.)

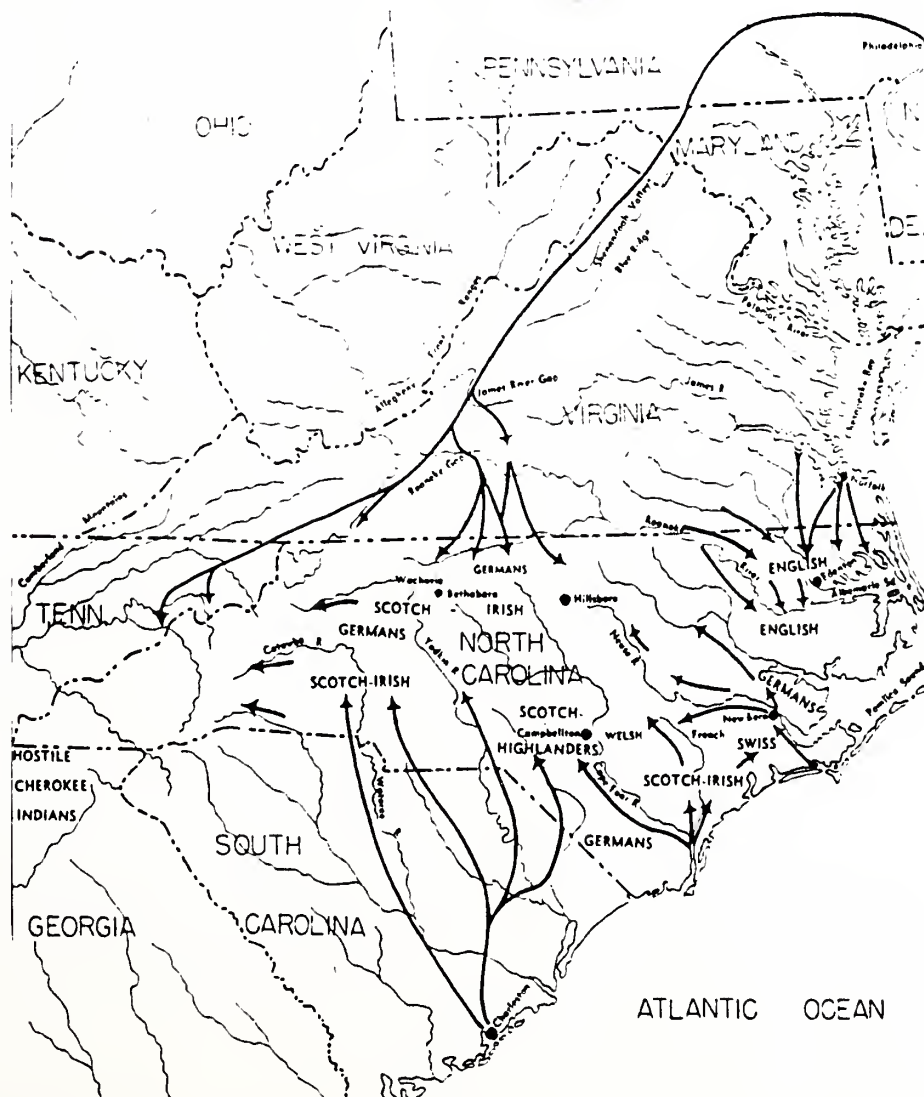
THE BEGINNING

After 30 years of war and disaster in Germany, the inhabitants had endured so much: their homes had been burned, their families had suffered starvation and diseases. Great numbers suffered religious persecution and all who were able fled from Germany and went to the Netherlands (Holland). The sea ports of the Netherlands and England formed the gateway to America. There was a group from Germany that came to London and shipped over to the New World where they settled on the West bank of the Hudson River in 1708. They were a colony known as the Hudson Americans. News of the new settlement got back to the oppressed people in Germany and it inspired thousands to migrate to the American Colonies. In 1708-1709, fourteen thousand had arrived in London via small boats and rafts. In the autumn of 1709 a company of six hundred left for the Carolinas and landed at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers of North Carolina. They founded New Bern. In 1710 the Germans moved into Philadelphia from the Hudson Valley. In 1727 there were some twelve thousand living in the region and by the year of 1775, they numbered 110,000. Thus, there began the mighty wave of German immigration and migration. Scarcity of land caused the Germans to come South to the stretches of fertile soil in the Piedmont where large tracts of land could be bought cheaply. They settled first in the counties of Alamance, Orange, Guilford, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Iredell, Wilkes, Catawba, and Lincoln. German remained a spoken language in this part well into the nineteenth century and Salisbury was once called Saltzburg.

There is no way of telling how many of these people coming to North Carolina were actually born in Germany, England or Holland. Doubtless, many were native Pennsylvanians. During the forty years of their moving to N.C. from Pennsylvania, thousands were coming from Germany to Pennsylvania. "Theses settlers," one writer wrote, "were all industrious, economical and thrifty farmers. not afraid of or ashamed of hard work." As they were agriculturalists they generally avoided settling in towns. They remained quietly on the farm.

There was one interest which lay close to their hearts, their church which they loved and for which they had been willing to endure great persecution. For sake of their religion many had left the old homeland. They brought their Bibles and books of worship with them. They were not long in establishing a brush arbor and later building a log church to worship in.

The three principal religious denominations (all Protestant) were the Lutherans, German Reforms, and United Brethern or Moravians. Some of the early churches that these settlers established are still standing today: Lowerstone Church built with native rock is near Rockwell in Rowan County; Zion, an old organ church, is located twelve miles South of Salisbury on the Mt. Pleasant road; Saint Johns is in the city of Salisbury. All three churches are Lutheran and are considered the "three Mother churches" in this portion of North Carolina.



METHODISM

Although there was a community of Methodists in the colonies before the American Revolution, the Methodist Episcopal Church was not officially organized until the Christmas Conference in Baltimore Maryland of 1784. Elmer T. Clark writes of the struggles of George Whitfield, Richard Pilmoor, and Richard Broadman, the first clerical missionaries sent to the American colonies by John Wesley. Some idea of the early difficulties in North Carolina can be realized in the simple fact at the time of the American Revolution only fifteen percent of the colonial population was carried on church rolls. North Carolina had an especially bad religious reputation: In 1728, William Byrd of Virginia observed that North Carolinians did not know Sunday from any other day, any more than Robinson Crusoe did. An Anglican missionary referred to North Carolina as a "Hell-hole." It is interesting to recall that George Whitfield made the first of his seven journeys to the American Colonies in 1738-39. In 1747, he passed through North Carolina, 'searching through these ungospelized wilds for sinners.' During this visit, he was still a sharer of John Wesley's views and it is recanted in legend that he cursed the town of Bath and its inhabitants. The first North American Conference was held in 1773 and the first circuit in North Carolina was organized in 1776, i.e., the Carolina circuit. Joseph Pilmoor was the first Methodist preacher to preach a sermon in North Carolina in 1772. But few of the English clerical Methodists were well received in the growing revolutionary frevor. Albeit that circuits were formed in the region of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia and Methodist missionaries crossed the border within five years, it is not until after the American Revolution that the Methodists began to grow in large numbers in North Carolina. Francis Asbury was the only English Methodist preacher to remain; the others having returned during the war.

Francis Asbury first visited the state along the Great Wagon Road in 1780 when the armed conflict was heavy in the region and travelling between opposing forces had his hat holed by a musket ball. The start of Methodism's great century of growth would come to depend on native born preachers and circuit riders.

In 1783 according to William K. Boyd's History of North Carolina, there were EIGHTEEN Methodist circuit riders in the state; and by 1800, their numbers had increased to Twenty-seven and large numbers of local preachers (pastors). The circuit riding Methodist preacher became a familiar figure. He dressed in black and carried his Bible and extra shirts in a saddlebag, travelling in all sorts of weather-giving rise to the Carolinian aphorism, "weather fittin' for crows and Methodist preachers." The circuit rider was generally single, and owned little than his clothes and horse. The salary was sixty dollars if one was an ordained elder. He rode the trails, often preaching to hastily assembled crowds in barns, courthouses, and shaded groves. The roads were terrible for the most part as were the accomodations. Francis Asbury's comments after preaching along the Haw River can aptly describe the general frontier-like status of inland North Carolina. "I dwell among briers, thorns, and scorpions. The people are poor and cruel one to another; some families are ready to starve for want of bread, while others have corn and rye distilled into poisonous whiskey. . . . These are poor Christians." But, on the other hand, 'In the ranks of Methodist converts he was pleased to have reformed "swearers, liars, cock-fighters, card-players, horse-racers, dunkards, etc." and he exulted: "The Lord has done great things for these people." For much of the next century, illness was a constant problem for the preachers: hookworm, dengue, smallpox, typhus, mumps, yellow fever, malaria, and food-poisoning were among the many causes of death that were a constant companion along the frontier. Also, the practices of medicine in those days sometimes impeded healing.

As Parke Rouse, Jr. puts it in his work, The Great Wagon Road,

"For want of settled churches and schools, the lonely pioneer families were especially receptive to Methodism and its message. Although nearly all frontier settlers had come from Christian families in Europe or along the Atlantic Coast, they had little time for organized worship in their first years on the rough and remote frontier. Early travelers spoke of "Godless" frontiersmen, of raffish morality. Many settlers were said to be fugitives or escaped Negro slaves. Some were part Indian and looked down upon as "breeds." But Asbury thought that the materialism of land claimants was his chief obstacle as 'not one in a hundred came here to get religion; but rather to get plenty of land."

EARLY METHODISM IN ANSON COUNTY

Founded in 1749 as the fifteenth county (and as St. George Parish of the colony's official church, the Anglican Church) from lands in Bladen county, Anson county was named for a famous English admiral, Lord George Anson. Its boundaries were as described:

"... begining at the place where the South line of this Province (North Carolina) crosseth the Westernmost branch of Little Pee Dee River, then by a straight line to a place where the commissioners, for the running of the Southern boundary of this line crossed that Branch of Little Pee Dee called Drowning Creek, then up the branch to the head, then by a line to run as near as may be equidistant from Saxapaw river, now near Chatham, and Great Pee Dee River and that the upper part of the said county, and Parish, so laid off and divided be erected into a county, and parish by the name of Anson County, and St. George Parish and that all the inhabitants to the Westward, shall belong, and appertain to Anson County."

Other counties were formed from Anson for similiar reasons concerning the courts: Rowan (1753), Mecklenburg (1762), Montgomery (1778), Richmond (in 1797 due to the high waters of the Pee Dee River), and Union County (in 1842). Early settlement was along the waters of the Pee Dee River and its tributaries. The current county seat, Wadesboro, was founded by a bill in the General Assembly on May 17th, 1783. Until 1787, this community was known as New Town or Newton. Then the town was named WADESBOROUGH, in honor of Colonel Thomas Wade. a Revolutionary war hero. In 1869, the spelling was changed to the current one of Wadesboro. The first census of 1790, lists the county as having a population of 5,133 (of which 828 were slaves).

It was in the spring of 1785 when the Methodist Episcopal Church in America held its first annual (and general) conference. That March, the church met under Bishop Francis Asbury at the home of Mr. Green Hill, A Revolutionary War officer. His house still stands one mile South of Louisburg in Franklin County, North Carolina and is identified by a state historical marker. At this first conference, a young man named Beverly Allen was ordained as elder. His was a meteoric career as a preacher, for within a decade he would become known as the first apostate presbyter in North America. Allen had preached the first Methodist sermon in Salisbury in 1783. From 1783 until the spring of 1784, Allen laboured with James Hinton and James Foster on the newly formed Salisbury circuit, which had been taken

from the Yadkin circuit. Membership figures are often small for the territory covered in a circuit. (In 1776, the Carolina circuit was served by Edward Drumgole, Francis Poythress, and Isham Tatum. It covered a region that today holds twenty-five counties with the reported membership of the circuit totaling only 683.) In the year 1784 when Jesse Lee and Isaac Smith were assigned to the Salisbury circuit, it only had thirty members in good standing. Rev. Beverly Allen must have had friends in Anson County along the Pee Dee River as far south as Grassy Islands (which is at the Northern end of Blewett Lake today). During his early visits to Anson Allen spent the night at Colonel Jackson's and he preached there. This Jackson built a meeting house but its exact location remains a mystery since the famous Jackson's Meeting House could have been his home or a building on his property. It is thought that Colonel Jackson lived near Judge Samuel Spencer's home on old Highway No. 74 across from Forestville United Methodist Church. However, there is no concrete evidence to verify this supposition. From 1783 through the first part of 1785, Anson county was part of the Salisbury circuit, if any Methodist preaching could be documented.

In June of 1785, although Rev. Allen had been assigned to the Georgia circuit, he returned to Anson county to preach and to establish a new circuit among his friends whom he had heard had backslidden. In a letter to John Wesley, Allen speaks of forming the Great Pee Dee circuit which spanned a large area extending from Georgetown, South Carolina to within ten miles of Salisbury, North Carolina along the banks of the Pee Dee and Yadkin Rivers. In the general minutes of the annual conference held February 21, 1786 in Salisbury, North Carolina, the circuit appears in the appointments as the Pee Dee circuit. It is at this annual conference that Anson County is included in the regions of North Carolina assigned to the newly formed South Carolina Conference with which it would remain until 1870. Jeremiah Mastin (Masten) and Hope Hull are assigned to this circuit and they are credited with putting this circuit together: they ingathered over six hundred members and erected twenty-two meeting houses. In the first South Carolina Conference held March 22, 1787 at Charleston, South Carolina, three preachers were appointed to serve this circuit.

In 1788 the size of the circuit is reduced by at least a third, since Anson circuit first appears with a single preacher appointed while the Pee Dee circuit is to be served by two preachers. It is believed that the Anson circuit covered the North Carolina portion of the earlier Pee Dee circuit. At the conference of March 16, 1789 the Pee Dee circuit is broken into the Great Pee Dee (885 white, 50 coloured members) and the Little Pee Dee (598 white, 20 coloured members) circuits. Anson remains a listed circuit standing by itself until the South Carolina Conference in January of 1797 held at Charleston when the circuit is enlarged by linking two circuits together into one appointment: the Anson and Little Pee Dee circuit. According to the minutes, each circuit was served six months by one of the junior men who switched circuits at the end of that time while the senior preacher covered the entire appointment. In 1804, the Little Pee Dee was dropped, leaving only the Anson circuit which changed its name to the Rocky River circuit in either 1805 or 1807 according to Methodist historians. Our first concrete evidence for many of the oldest churches in Anson county come from the surviving Quarterly Conference Minutes of the Rocky River Circuit.

The county's second courthouse was in Wadesboro spanning the corners of Wade and Green Streets. This building is described as being built of cut logs in the manner of an old-fashioned gin house with the streets meeting under its arches. It was a two story structure and was used as a meeting place for preachers. Bishop Francis Asbury, the greatest circuit rider of America, tells of this in his Journal, in an entry dated January 16, 1801:

"We came to Wadesborough after court week. We held our meetings under the court house within the arches. We had a most delightful day. Bishop Whatcoat spoke with great ingenuity and authority upon 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.' My subject was Luke xviii: 27 'What is impossible with men is possible with God.' We lodged at Ingo Dozier Cash and his wife, Peggy Boggan Cash, place called 'Buck Tavern.'"

(Buck Tavern is located where the sign of First United Methodist Church Wadesboro stands.) Tradition holds that the Wadesboro church continued to meet at this courthouse until it burned. Records show no church building in Wadesboro until 1832 when a church was erected on a lot on Salisbury Street (near Crawford Motor Company's display lot).

Sometime in the 1830's the church at Wadesborough assumed a position of leadership because in 1834 the circuit became the Wadesboro circuit. There were some twenty-three churches or preaching sites on the circuit, mostly within the boundaries of current day Anson County. In December of 1850, Wadesboro was host to the South Carolina Conference whose annual meeting was held in the Masonic Lodge. In 1853 Wadesboro became a station church and the other members of the circuit continued as the Wadesboro' circuit. In the December 1859 South Carolina Annual Conference another circuit was organized from the Wadesboro' circuit which became known as the Ansonville circuit which spanned the Northern half of the county. In December of 1873 while in the North Carolina Annual Conference, another circuit was organized from churches taken from the Wadesboro and Ansonville circuits; designated as the Lilesville circuit. During the third session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference held in November of 1892, another circuit was formed from churches in the Ansonville and Morven (formerly known as the Wadesboro) circuits. Then in 1922 with churches of the Polkton and Ansonville charges, the conference organized the Peachland Charge. The churches on the new charge were Peachland, Harmony, Mt. Moriah (in Union County), Fountain Hill, and Hopewell

The first Methodist parsonage on this charge was located on Old Highway 74 which is now the Kevin McKenzie residence. Reverend Whitelaw Reid Harris was the first pastor of the Peachland Charge. Later, the charge bought the house of Mrs. N. E. Hughes located next to the bridge where the road forks that goes to upper and lower White Store. As time continued members of the Harmony church died off or moved out of the community so conferenced abandoned service there in 1975. It was turned over on April 16, 1976 to serve as the Harmony Community Center. For many Years Hopewell was the largest church on the charge and paid 51 percent of all expenses. At the 1983 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Hopewell left the Peachland Charge to become a station church.

HOPEWELL CHURCH

Hopewell United Methodist Church is located in the upper part of Anson County in the Burnsville Township on Rural Road No. 1002, Hopewell Church Road, about seven miles from Peachland and an equal distance from Ansonville.

Hopewell is believed to have been organized about 1800. The earliest written record that has survived is dated 1807 among the fragments of the Rocky River Circuit Quarterly Conference Minutes. Despite this, the cornerstone on the present brick building displays the following information: HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH Organized 1808 Rebuilt 1880 Rebuilt 1940. From information handed down by the older members the congregation first used a brush arbor not far from where the present church stands. This was known as O'Neal's Meeting Place. After much research among the deeds in the Anson County Courthouse, it appears that the church met most likely on lands belonging to Benjamin Oneal. Later a log meeting house was built. The Minutes for 1813 called the church Smallhope, doubtless, because the report lists Smallhope with only 9 white members who paid \$2.65 in support that year. At that time the Rocky River circuit consisted of 23 preaching places and collected \$234.80 in funds. The Quarterly Conference Minutes in 1817 lists the church as Hopewell (perhaps because the numbers increased!) and it has been known by that name ever since. The Rocky River circuit was in the South Carolina Conference and covered a large area including a portion of present day Union, Stanly, and Anson Counties. The churches were small and simple even if they were a structure built for worship; they were far apart (Usually a day's ride or more); and the number of full members few although their numbers greatly fluctuated. The circuit rider preachers came around once a month for preaching. During the summer, for a six week period, the church was used for a school when the children were not needed for the planting or harvest seasons. The date of the celebration of Homecoming at Hopewell reflects this rural schedule which long antedates the modern secular school year. It is unfortunate that so little remains of documented information about the early years of the people who formed the congregation of Hopewell and its ministry.

Sometime in 1879 the log building burned. Prior to that time, the church did not own any land so before they rebuilt, they wanted the land where the church stood to belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On May 18, 1880 Alfred L. Tucker and his wife, Sarah E. Tucker, for the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) deeded two acres of land to Wiley Bowers, Lewis J. Kiker, James (the deed says John) F. McCollum, Daniel K. Beachum and Martin M. Bowers, Trustees, as church property for the purpose of erecting a church building as a house of worship and for use as a cemetery. It was on this land a new one room frame building was erected. Later it was enlarged to meet the needs of a larger congregation with the addition of wings (two rooms) added on the East and West sides. Again, more room was needed in the 1920's so across the back of the church more class rooms were added and a wood furnace system was installed.

On the night of December 24th, 1939 following a Christmas program at the church, it caught fire and burned. It was thought that the fire arose in a defective pipe from the wood furnace which heated the building. A terrible tragedy for the congregation as a Christmas Day present that Sunday because only the church bell was salvaged from the 1880's church. (Unfortunately the bell is no longer of easy access although it hangs in the steeple still and peals every Sunday. This leaves the inscription or manufacturer's information unknown to these researchers.)

After the church burned, Hopewell's Methodists enjoyed Christian charity. They were invited by a neighbor church, Cedar Grove Baptist, to hold worship services in their church. Cedar Grove had their worship services on Sunday morning and Hopewell Methodist worshipped there in the afternoons. This kindness was greatly appreciated and continues to be remembered.

Church members began to make plans right away to build back, although they were just coming out of the Great Depression and World War Two would begin during the building process. John W. Caudle, Vance Tucker, and Edmond Kiker were elected as a building committee. Miss Viola Kiker was appointed as treasurer. Church

members gave money, timber and their labor. A sawmill was put down at the church site to saw the timber into the exact dimensions the plans called for. In July of 1940 the first brick was laid. The new church was completed at the cost of \$12,004.67. The debt was paid with the help of the Duke Endowment Fund. On Sunday, May 3rd, 1942, the church was dedicated. The church is a brick veneer building whose sanctuary is 36 feet by 60 feet with a pew seating capacity of 220. There were five large Sunday School rooms with a kitchen that was used for primary Sunday School class. These rooms were in a two story section behind the sanctuary. The bare-beamed sanctuary was completely furnished with comfortable pews and pulpit and altar furnishings fashioned of oak. The pews have the donor plates on the aisle in the center. Mr. Will Kiker of Reidsville, North Carolina donated two hundred adult chairs and seventy-five small wooden chairs for the Sunday School rooms. Reverend Caleb Jay Winslow was the pastor. The Charlotte District Superintendent, Rev. Grover Tilden Bond, gave the dedication service. All the living former pastors were invited back to Hopewell for the dedication. Only one came, the Rev. Grady Nicholson Dulin, who was then serving in Albemarle at First Street Methodist Church. Rev. Dulin spoke in the afternoon. When the cornerstone was sealed up in the front on the left side of the church, a metal box was enclosed that contained all important data concerning Hopewell United Methodist Church.

As the church continued to grow, a further program of building was entered into which presents us with the current structure. In 1958 Hopewell made plans to build an educational building as an extension to the 1942 building. Plans included a fellowship hall with kitchen, two bathrooms, and four class rooms upstairs over the lower level. Claude McSwain served as Chairman of the Building Committee comprised of Vance Tucker, Earl Edwards, Jimmy Gaddy and Joe Broadaway. Mrs. Vernon Kiker served as treasurer. The work began in 1959 and was completed in 1961. The cost was \$18,845.41. This educational wing was dedicated in the spring of 1962.

The educational building was dedicated on Sunday, April 1, 1962 by the Albemarle District Superintendent, Rev. Wiley Jackson Huneycutt. Rev. John Oakley, who was pastor at the start of this wing, spoke in the afternoon. At that time the church is as it is today in form, and still merits the words of Mary Louise Medley, ". . . it stands in a beautiful grove on a hillside." Since then, the projects concerning the Hopewell United Methodist Church have been concerned with both interior upgrades and exterior grounds improvement. Parking and the crescent driveway have been paved with painted markings and cement curb blocks laid in place. Improved access was accomplished with the construction of a ramp on the left side of the front entrance. And the addition of a sign near the road makes it easier for the traveler to know what church is being passed, when services are held, and who the pastor is. To the west of the church, playground equipment and tables stand for use in good weather. The oaks surrounding the church had to be trimmed, but the massive trunks speak of the age of this grove. In the sanctuary the ceiling was paneled and inset with fluorescent lighting and the main entrance--narthex and back wall of the sanctuary was modified for the placement of a sound system which is housed in a raised room reached by a spiral metal stair. In the church parlor is a portrait of Miss Viola Kiker.

Hopewell is one of the largest country churches as testified to by it becoming a station church in 1983. It has a membership of 273 with a Sunday School Roll numbering 245. This reflects a truth of many years when Hopewell was the largest church on both the Polkton and the Peachland circuits. The attendance is good and many members have long records of perfect attendance. In 1952 when attendance pins were first given out, four of the same family received pins, Betsy, Clinton, Mary and Robert Harward. Clinton Harward holds the church record for attendance, Twenty-six years of perfect attendance! On the back of the sanctuary wall is a board recognizing other members with their pins mounted. Eight members are so honored.

Homecoming at Hopewell United Methodist Church is always observed on the third Sunday of August. An eleven o'clock worship service is

planned and a picnic lunch is spread on tables in the yard at noon which is followed by a song service in the afternoon. Revival services begin on Monday and continue all week. This has been the custom for as long as any member can remember. It is believed that this has been the custom since revivals began at Hopewell. Since the majority of members were farmers, they held their revival services after the crops were laid by and before time to begin harvesting the crops.

Hopewell supports a scout troop. The church itself is the site of family reunions like the Sikes family in July. It supports teams in softball (with some 26 trophies in the last three decades) and basketball. Hopewell offers a unique ministry among the churches in Anson County: a dial-a-prayer number, 1(704)272-7681, which operates around the clock.

HOPEWELL CEMETERY

It was not until 1883 that a cemetery was started at Hopewell United Methodist Church. It began with the burial site of a thirteen year old girl, Theresa (Called Turcey) G. Tucker, born July 7, 1870 and died September 3, 1883 of typhoid fever. She was the daughter of Alfred Tucker and Elizabeth Curlee Tucker. The family lived near the church on what is now known as the A. A. Nance place. "Turcey" was buried on her father's land. Two infant girls, her first cousins, are buried next to her. One is the daughter of Sarah Tucker and Tommy Sikes and the other is the daughter of Margaret Sikes and Jimmy Preslar. The small latticed building over "Turcey's" grave was built by Sam Birmingham. The church kept it painted and repaired until the cemetery was cleaned up. Members of the church erected a marker in front of the grave in 1929. Two rocks inside the building mark the head and foot of Miss Tucker's grave. Alfred Tucker later sold his land and home to his first cousin Ephriam Tucker and his wife, Mary Caudle Tucker. He moved his family to Salisbury, North Carolina, where they worked in the cotton mills. Alfred and Elizabeth had two other children, William and Caroline. They are all buried at Salisbury cemetery.

Since 1883 more land has been purchased for the cemetery. On January 31st, 1903 F. E. Tucker and wife, Mary C. Tucker, sold for \$13.00 a tract of land, 4.6 acres, to the trustees. Since then land has been purchased on two different occasions from A. A. Nance and his wife, Effie Kiker Nance.

The old cemetery includes plain rock markers, scratched stones, concrete and regular monuments but had become overgrown with trees and shrubs. When these were cleared away, the marker and latticed structure for Miss Tucker were taken down. Also some iron Confederate markers seem to have been removed as well. New regulations were laid down and posted. The cemetery committee consists of Craig Thomas as chairman, Frank Tucker as treasurer, with Bobby McCollum and Ervin Nance. A Works Project Administration survey was among the papers consulted but its accuracy is open to question and it is replaced by a personal survey done in January of 1992.

HOPEWELL SPRING

Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church, South and its antecedents doubtless used a nearby spring for water. This spring is across the road and down a hill about a quarter mile to the North of the church. In March of 1903, F. E. and Mary C. Tucker with J. W. Kiker and his wife, Mary Emmaline (Deed says "Ermeline") Brooks Kiker conveyed to the trustees a right-of-way one rod wide for one dollar to this spring. This was the source of water for Hopewell until a well was drilled on church property. In the summer of 1951 a well was drilled near the church.

In 1939 when electric lines were run through the cemetery, the church building was wired. Before this the church lacked interior plumbing. Vance Tucker, Jodie Tucker, John Caudle and Viola Kiker were nominated as a committee about bathrooms for the church when the well was drilled. A part of the large classroom was partitioned off and two bathrooms were added, including a ladies' lounge. Miss Viola Kiker planned the Ladies' Lounge and donated all the furnishings. When the educational building was built, it was discovered that with the kitchen and the two new bathrooms, that the single well did not furnish enough water. In 1975 a deep was drilled down. This gave enough water to meet the needs of the church. A county water line was laid past the church in the autumn of 1980 and Hopewell United Methodist dedicide to be tapped into the system. Both wells with brick houses over them still stand in the church yard.

HOPEWELL SCHOOL

There was a one room school house across the road from the church whose water was obtained from the spring. No one now living remembers when it was built but a deed to the Committee of School District 30 provides a clue. In Deed Book 22 on page 256 on October 5th, 1882 Alfred T. Tucker and his wife, Sarah E. Tucker sold an acre of land for \$5.00 to the committee. This committee had strong ties to Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church, South as it is listed on the deed as being Wiley Bowers, John C. Caudle and Alfred T. Tucker.

The school was closed when a three room school was built called Diamond Hill and another school was built at Cribbs Creek. It has been said that besides a lady, Sally Winfree, who taught, there were Tom Monroe, Charlie Thomas, Veron Howell, and Luther Beachum as the teachers at Hopewell School. Among the children who attended school there were Calvin Tucker's boys, Jody, John, and Hamp; John Beachum's girls, Clara and Belle, and his boy Fisher; Alvin Nance's Rettie and Alfred; Bill Taylor's children; Elijah Harrington's Annie, Louisa, Jack, and Daniel; Cullin Caudle; besides some Kikers

After the church purchased the property in 1907, A. A. Nance bought the building and used it as a storage building at the cross roads. Later when the roads were being widened and paved with black top, he moved the school house to where it stands today. It has been remodeled by Joe and Bernice Nance Williams. The former school house stands in the barnyard at the A. A. Nance residence where the Williams live.

THE FIRST EPWORTH LEAGUE

The first Epworth League in Anson County for the young people of Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized at Hopewell by the pastor of the Polkton circuit, Rev. Granville C. Brinkman, in the fall of 1913. Rev. Brinkman was the counselor of the group. He met with them every fourth Saturday in each month to help plan the meetings and programs. He served four years, was a wonderful pastor, and helped the young people to do service for others. Ira Adams Tucker, the president of the group assisted the members in carrying out the month's work. During the four years, they acquired nineteen members who met every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The members were:

*Ira Adams Tucker	Fannie Sikes Tucker
*Clara Beachum Threadgill	*Bill Beachum Horne
*Wilma McCollum Silver	*Ruth McCollum Obriant
Myrtle Shepherd Pratt	Ella Beachum Tucker
Mercedes Beachum Carpenter	Colon Beachum
Lex Caudle	J. Ray Kiker
Henry Tucker	William Honeycutt
Clayton Hayes	Ira Kiker
Fred L. Kiker	Lester Taylor
Edgar J. Deese	Stewart Beachum

*living in 1984

The next pastor was Rev. William Baxter Davis who served four years. He is recalled as a good pastor and very involved with the youth work. This was in the era of the horse-and-buggy days when many walked to church. There was not an easy means of transportation that the youth could arrange for and visit other churches as easily as they do today.

Some of the projects undertaken by this youth group could seem onerous to the youth fellowship of today as they included the sweeping of the church yard, washing the church windows and benches, and the scrubbing of the floors. They had to carry water in buckets from the Hopewell spring up the hill to church. When the organ of the 1880 church fell into disrepair, they canvassed the church members and raised enough money to buy a new organ in 1918 to replce it. In 1919 they had \$16.00 in the treasury, so they helped the church purchase three chairs for the pulpit area. These chairs cost \$25.00. When the church burned in 1939, these chairs were lost in the flames.

The Epworth League charter was not burned up, however, as it was in the home of Fannie Sikes Tucker.

The charter members that were living gave a program on Sunday, June 11th, 1961. The welcome and prayer were given by Ray Kiker. Clara Beachum Threadgill read the scripture, Philippians iv: 7-8. Fannie Sikes Tucker gave the history of the league. Then the league members dedicated "our grand old charter" to Hopewell Methodist Church and all Methodist Youth Fellowship members. The charter was to be hung in the new educational building, as a token of their love for all the young people in the church and community. A file about the league was put in the church locker for future information. They felt that a lot of good came out of being in the Epworth League to them. their church and their community. Out of this group there were:

- 1 preacher
- 3 school teachers
- 3 Sunday School Superintendents
- 7 Sunday School Teachers
- 1 Nurse
- 1 Post Office Mistress.

Their descendents and heirs are the current United Methodist Youth Fellowship at Hopewell. Members have become counselors as adults and served as counselors to the District Youth Fellowship.

"LORD'S ACRE DAY"

There is one Sunday set aside out of the year at Hopewell called "the Lord's Acre Day." This special observance began in 1954 under Rev. Ray M. Alber. Most of the members of Hopewell were rural farmers with large families and it was hard to raise much money. The families decided to give what an acre of grain made above their regular offering. Some of the ladies gave their Sunday egg money. The collection realized through this project has run from \$1,156.09 in 1954 to as much as \$1,700.00. This has proven to be a success and it is a good way to keep money in the treasury. Now the members give the value of a day's work.

In 1988 the money raised on "Lord's Acre Day" was applied to a new piano for the sanctuary. The piano was purchased and paid for in January of 1989.

MUSIC AT HOPEWELL

Music plays a big part in all the church services. In 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tucker of Charlotte donated an organ. The church choir meets on Wednesday night each week at the church for practice. Mildred Nance is the organist. Betty Nance is the pianist. Members of the adult choir are: (In 1984)

Pam Lanier	Betsy Lanier	Patsy Johnson	Sonja Johnson
Teri Miner	Deloris Phiifer	Dovie Nance	Mae Kiker
Norma Thomas	Jay Bowers	Susie McSwain	Curtis Bowers
Alvin Nance	Ernie Nance	Norris Shepherd	Jimmy Kiker
Bobby McCollum			

There is a quartette out of this choir that sings and plays. Norris Shepherd sings tenor and plays guitar and autoharp. Jimmy Kiker sings bass and is a guitarist. Bobby McCollum sings lead while Barbara Threadgill sings alto and is the pianist. There is a Junior choir under the direction of Debbie and Norris Shepherd who perform on special occasions like Christmas, Mother's and Father's Day, with songs and short speeches. Their program is given in the sanctuary.

HOPEWELL PARSONAGE

Since the mid 1930's there has been discussion among the members of the church that someday Hopewell would become a station church and build a parsonage across the road from the church. As time went on the work load became too heavy for the pastor of the charge. The four churches were far enough apart that the pastor could not do justice by his people. In 1983, Reverend John H. Christy, Jr., the Albemarle District Superintendent, met with the officials of the four churches and the pastor, Rev. Glenn Powell. Rev. Christy said that the Western North Carolina Conference suggested that the charge should be split up with two of the churches combining into a new charge with a parsonage built halfway between them. After some discussion, thinking, and planning, Hopewell members voted to become a station church. Linda Sikes Lewis donated one acre of land and the church purchased 5 acres at the cost of \$1,000.00 an acre. Alvin Nance drew the plans for the parsonage. The parsonage building committee consisted of Jimmy Kiker, Alvin Nance, Susie McSwain, Bill Ferree, Hubert Kiker, and David Thomas, who served as treasurer. The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee were Bill Lanier, Charles Nance, Clinton Harward, Wiley Caudle, Joe Thomas, and Robert Sikes. The parsonage furnishings committee was consisted of Susie McSwain, Mae Kiker, Gladys Ferree, Karen Nance, Ginger Kiker, and Shirley Thomas. The parsonage was built and furnished for \$72,070.13. The Conference appointed a minister who began serving Hopewell United Methodist Church as a station church on the fourth Sunday of June, 1983.

The ground breaking was held on Sunday afternoon, February 20, 1983. The parsonage was completed, furnished, paid for, and dedicated on Sunday afternoon, October 16, 1983. Miss Viola Kiker was the largest donor, having left in trust \$18,648.99 for the building of a Hopewell parsonage and her electric organ.

On November 15, 1983 the Peachland charge parsonage account for the four churches on that charge was settled. This is how the account was settled: (on the next page)

To close out the old parsonage fund account between Fountain Hill, Hopewell, Mount Moriah, and Peachland.

Proceeds from sale of the parsonage*	\$39,853.50
Proceeds from sale of parsonage furniture	2,280.00
Refund on parsonage insurance coverage	67.00
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	42,200.50
Plus check book balance in the account**	2,781.61
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Total to be divided among the churches	\$44,982.11

*Minus the \$46.50 cost of having deed prepared, recorded, etc. for the sale of the former Peachland Charge parsonage.

**After all receipts and disbursements were handled.

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(Percentages of disbursement of the total are based on 24 years averages.)

Fountain Hill	19.06%	\$ 8,573.59
Hopewell	51.6 %	23,242.25
Mount Moriah	8.39%	3,774.00
Peachland	20.88%	9,392.27
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Total	100.00%	\$44,982.11

Dorothy N. Tucker, Treasurer
Peachland United Methodist
Charge Parsonage Fund

After the settlement of these funds, the Hopewell Administrative Board voted and instructed the Hopewell church treasurer to give the new Fountain Hill-Mount Moriah Charge \$1,000.00 for each church the Peachland-Gilboa Charge \$1,000.00 to give those charges financial aid on the parsonages they were planning and needed to build.

In 1987 two acres of land adjoining the parsonage were acquired from Elgie Shephard and a ball field was built. The field and the building with storage and restrooms was dedicated in August of 1989. Also on this property are a shelter with lights and fifteen picnic tables, playground equipment, and a concrete full-sized basketball court. This field is rented out to other softball teams for both practice and games.

A CHURCH OFFICE

A church office was established at Hopewell in 1982 under the supervision of Rev. Glenn Powell. A new typewriter and copy machine were purchased by the church at the cost of \$2,100.00. Church bulletins are typed up and run off for each Sunday. Prior to this time the hymns and psalter readings were posted on the boards in the sanctuary as they still are today. Also prior to this change the news and announcements of all four churches on the Peachland Charge were published once a month in a news letter called "The Peachland Post" done by Rev. Phillip DeBerry.

THE MEN'S CLUB

In the spring of 1982 under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. Glenn Powell, a Methodist Men's Club was organized. Alvin Nance was President; Johnny Thomas served as Vice-President; and Bob Sikes was the Secretary-Treasurer of the club.

The single most effective and outstanding work to meet the spiritual needs of the people was their creation of the dial-a-prayer service. It went into effect on August 16, 1982 and still continues. Available anytime day or night by dialing 272-7681. It is a local number for the communities of Ansonville, Lilesville, Marshville, Morven, New Salem, Peachland, Polkton, Wadesboro, and Wingate. The service covers the interest of the elderly, teenagers, and children, offering spiritual therapy.

The Men's Club have sponsored various fund raisers with fish frys, barbecue suppers, and church breakfasts. They have also served breakfasts for the entire church school on occasions.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The first women's organization of Hopewell church was organized late in the year of 1934. At that time, the Western North Carolina Annual Conference met in the fall. After Rev. Grady Nicholson Dulin returned to Peachland Charge for his second year, 1934-35, he called a meeting for the women of the church and organized "A Woman's Missionary Society." The first officers were Mrs. Ira Kiker as President, Mrs. Ray Kiker as Vice-President, Mrs. W.S. Williams as Secretary, and Mrs. W. R. Ferree as Treasurer. Other charter members were Miss Viola Kiker, Mrs. J. T. Kiker, Mrs. J. M. Sikes, Miss Claudie Kiker, Miss Georgia Kiker, and Mrs. Genia Taylor. The earliest records have not survived but the minutes from 1937 onward have been kept. These records reveal the members as women of faithful work in both the church and the society.

Since the beginning of the organization the name has been changed four times, from "The Woman's Missionary Society to The Women's Society of Christian Service" in the 1940. Again in 1980 it was changed to "The Methodist Women." It is called today, "The United Methodist Women's Society." The society today is still administered in about the same way as it was in the beginning except different departments of work have been organized. In 1984 Hopewell had two units of 26 and 16 members respectively. Not all on the roll are active members. The meetings are held in the fellowship hall on the first Monday night after the first Sunday in a month. Each member takes their turn as monthly hostess. In 1991, the church only had one unit of 28 members.

The society contributes regularly to the different causes and projects they sponsor, observes the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and follows the suggested annual reading program. Since October 15, 1975 the society has sponsored a church bazaar. The money that was realized from the first sale went to putting cushions on the pews in the sanctuary. Other things the bazaar money has gone towards are:

Church ALFRED TUCKER and WIFE TO WILEY BOWERS & OTHERS TRUSTEES
 This indenture made 18th day of May 1880, between Alfred T. Tucker & wife Sarah E. Tucker of the county of Anson & State of North Carolina of the first part & Wiley Bowers, Lewis J. Kiker, John F. McCollum, Daniel K. Beachum & Martin M. Bowers Trustees in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned all of the State & County aforementioned of the second part. Witnesseth: that this said party of the first part for the consideration of the Sum of twenty dollars to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part of the sealing of these presents receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained, Sold & Confirmed & by these presents do convey & deliver to the said party of the second part as Trustees and their Successors, in trust for the purposes hereinafter mentioned & declare all the rights title or claim whatsoever either in law or equity which thing that Alfred T. Tucker and wife Sarah E. Tucker have in & To confer all & singular a certain lot of land lying & being in the County & State aforesaid bounded as follows, beginning at a post oak by a prime white oak & 2 post oaks near the fork of the road toward So (crossing the road (50) fifty links) 4 chns. (chains) & 4 lns. (links) to a stake by a red oak, black & 2 post oak ? , then West 5 chns, to a stake 2 ? white oak, post oak & dogwood, th? Then So (4.50) 4 chns. & 50 links. crossing the road to a Spanish Oak by a black oak, white oak & white oak Then East (5) five chns. to the beginning containing two acres more or less of land, together with all and every appertenances or interests in anyway appertaining to have and to hold therefore described land with all privileges thereunto belonging or in any guise appertaining the same trustees & their successors in trust, that they shall Erect or build, cause to be built a house or place of worship for the ease of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, according to the rules and Discipline that may be agreed upon by the General Confirmation in further trust, they shall at all times furnish such ministers belonging to said church, or as shall from time to time be authorized by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to preach or expound God's holy word, to exercise therein of the said party of the first part by these presents warrant and find the title of the above described land with the appertenances thereunto, (so long as it is used as a regular church House, and when it ceases to be used as such it and all things back that attach to this tract of land from which it is now taken & the owner of that trust shall pay the Trustees the sum of twenty dollars back again, but the Trustees or members of that church may remove the house from the premises) unto then the said Trustees or their Successors, from the claims of of the first part. In writing whereof the party of the first part thereunto set their hands & Seals.

sealed & delivered

A. T. Tucker Seal

Signed in the presence of ---

Sarah E. Tucker Seal

I, J. D. Hyatt J. P. for Anson County do hereby certify that A.T. Tucker & his wife Sarah E. Tucker personally affirmed before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Deed, A.T. and Sarah E. Tucker being by me privately examined, seperate and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Witness my hand and Seal this 10th day of July 1880.

J. D. Hyatt Seal

State of North Carolina

Anson County The foregoing certificate of J.D. Hyatt,
a Justice of the Peace of Anson County is adjudged to be correct.
Let the Deed of Conveyance with these certificates be registered.
This the 2nd Day of March A.D. 1882 John C. McLauchlin
Clerk of Superior Court
and Judge of Probate

March the 3rd day 1882. These the foregoing Deed and Certificates
came into my hands and were duly registered.

P. J. Coppedge
Registrar of Deeds

F.E. Tucker and wife Mary C. Tucker
To
Trustees of Hopewell M. E. Church South

State of North Carolina

Anson County

This Deed made this 31st day of January A.D. 1903 by F.E. Tucker and Mary C. Tucker his wife of Anson County and State of North Carolina to Wiley Bowers, Lewis J. Kiker, Daniel K. Beachum & M. M. Bowers Trustees of Hopewell Church belonging to the M.E. Church South and their successors in office of Anson County and State of North Carolina. Witnesseth: That said F.E. Tucker and Wife Mary C. Tucker in the consideration of Thirteen dollars to them paid by Wiley Bowers, L.J. Kiker, D.K. Beachum & M.M. Bowers the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged has bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain sell and convey to the said Wiley Bowers, Lewis J. Kiker, Daniel K. Beachum & M. M. Bowers and their successors in office a tract or parcel of land in Anson County-State of North Carolina on the waters of the Watery branch adjoining the lands of F.E. Tucker and Hopewell M.E. Church South lot and others bounded as follows VIZ Beginning at original Post Oak Corner of two acre church lot and runs So. 84 E -150 chains to stake in F.E. Tucker's field. There S. 4 E 550 chains -to another stake in said field There N. 85 W -8 chains to a stake in a branch of a large Sweet gum. There No 8 W -375 chains to a stake School House line in public road thru East with said road and School House line 1 chain to School House corner in old church line then again with old church line passing old church corner North 237 chains to School House corner. Then So 79 E -5 chains to a lightwood stump in a field There So 23 E -50 links to the beginning containing Four and Six tenths acres more or less two acres of which as originally deeded to said Hopewell M.E. Church South To Have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appertenances thereto belonging to the said trustees of Hopewell M.E. Church South and their successors in office and assign to their only use and behoof. And the said F.E. Tucker & wife Mary C. Tucker covenant that they are seized of said premises in fee and have the right to convey the same in fee simple and that the same is free from all incumberances and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said F.E. Tucker and wife Mary C. Tucker have hereunto set their hands and seals this day and year above written.

Attest W.H. Bivens

F.E. Tucker seal

Mary C. Tucker seal

North Carolina

Anson County

I, W.H. Bivens, a Justice of the Peace do certify that F.E. Tucker and Mary C. Tucker his wife personally appeared before me this day and -acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed. and the said Mary C. Tucker being by me privately examined separte and apart from her said husband touching her voluntary execution of the same doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily without force or complusion of her said husband or any other person and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto Let the same with this certificate be registered This 2nd day of February 1903.

W.H. Bivens, JP Seal

North Carolina

Anson County The foregoing certificate of W.H. Bivens, a
Justice of the Peace of Anson County is adjudged to be correct.
Let the foregoing Deed with Certificates be registered.
This 6th day of March 1903

Thomas C. Robinson C.S.C.
(Clerk of Superior Court)

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March 6th 1903 at 10 O'clock A.M. The the foregoing Deed to the
Trustees of Hopewell Church Came into my hands with the certificates
thereon and was duly registered in Deed Book 36 Page 536 etc.
C. C. Moore Regt. of Deeds
(Registrar of Deeds)

F. E. Tucker, wife, et al

To

Hopewell Methodist Church

"Deed"

This conveyance made this 7th day of March 1903 by and between F.E. Tucker and wife Mary Tucker, J.W. Kiker and wife Ermeline Kiker of the 1st part and the present Trustees of Hope Well Methodist Church in Burnsville Township of the 2nd part witnesseth:

That for and in consideration of the sum of (\$1.00) one dollar, to them in hand paid by the said present trustees of Hope Well Methodist Church South, doth hereby transfer, convey and confirm unto them, the said parties of the 2nd part, the use of a street as a church street, leading from the said Hope Well Methodist Church line to the church spring north of the said church, said street being one rod wide more or less to have and to hold with all appertenances. And the said F.E. Tucker and wife Mary Tucker, J.W. Kiker and wife Ermeline Kiker of Anson County, North Carolina, Burnsville Township, doth agree to warrant and defend the above mentioned street against the claims of any and all persons whatsoever so long as said street is used as a Methodist Church street of Hope Well. But if said street should cease to be such, then it is to revert back to its original owners.

Given under our hand and seal this — day of March 1903.

F. E. Tucker Seal
Mary C. Tucker Seal
Jas. W. Kiker Seal
M. E. Kiker Seal

North Carolina

Anson County I, W. H. Bivens do certify that James W. Kiker and M. E. Kiker his wife and F. E. Tucker and his wife Mary C. Tucker personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed and the said M. E. Kiker and Mary C. Tucker the wives of the said James W. Kiker and F.E. Tucker being by me privately examined, separate and apart from their said husbands, touching their voluntary execution of the same doth state that they signed the same, freely and voluntarily without fear or compulsion of their said husbands or any other persons and that they doth still voluntarily assent thereto.

Let the same with this certificate be registered This 19th day of March 1903.

W. H. Bivens J.P. Seal

State of North Carolina

Anson County The foregoing certificate of W. H. Bivens a Justice of the Peace in and for Anson County is adjudged correct. Let the Instrument with the certificates be registered. This 21st day of May A.D. 1903

Thomas C. Robinson
Clerk of Superior Court

May 21st 1903 at 11 O'clock A.M.

Then this foregoing Instrument with the certificates came into my hands and was duly registered.

C.C. Moore Regt. of Deeds

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO WILEY BOWERS & OTHERS, TRUSTEES
State of North Carolina,

County of Anson. This Indenture, made and entered into this the 14th day of October, 1907, by and between James T. Kendly, C. K. Rivers and E. P. Liles, The County Board of Education of Anson County, by James T. Kendly, chairman, and J. M. Wall, secretary, parties of the first part, and Wylie Bowers, Lewis J. Kiker, J. W. McCollum, Daniel K. Beachum and Martin M. Bowers, Trustees, of Hopewell M. E. Church South, their successors and assigns, parties of the second part, Witnesseth: That whereas the hereinafter described property is not necessary or needed for school purposes and the Board of Education of Anson County has so declared by resolutions and desire to sell the same at private sale and the largest amount obtainable therefore is the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) Now, therefore, in consideration of the premisses and in the further consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, to the parties of the first part in hand paid, the due receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Board of Education of Anson County has bargained and sold and hereby does bargain, sell and convey unto the said trustees of Hopewell M. E. Church, South, their successors and assigns, the following described tract of land: It being old District No. 30 of Anson County and adjoins the lands of H. A. Nance and the Hopewell Church lot and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake in the church line on the North side of the Ansonville road and runs North with said line to the corner and straight on $6\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake three sweet gums and marple pointers; then runs $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake, 3 white oak pointers; then S. & E. 8 rods to a stake in the south edge of the road, two white oak pointers; then N. $82\frac{1}{2}$ E. $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the beginning, containing one acre, more or less. To have and to hold the said tract of land, together with all rights, ways, privileges and appurtenances to the said trustees of the Hopewell M. E. Church, South, their successors and assigns, in fee simple. In testimony whereof, the said Board of Education has hereto set its hand and affixed its seal by J. T. Kendley, Chairman and J. M. Wall, Secretary.

The Board of Education of Anson County
By J.T. Kendley Chairman
J. M. Wall Secretary

State of North Carolina, County of Anson:

This day personally appeared before me, Thomas C. Robinson, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, James T. Kendley, chairman, and J. M. Wall, Secretary, of the County Board of Education of Anson County, and duly executed the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged the execution of the same. Let the same with this certificate be registered. This the 14th day of October, 1907.

Thomas C. Robinson C. S. C.

Dec. 7, 1908, at 10 o'clock, A.M. Then the foregoing Deed with the certificates thereon came into my hands and they were duly registered.

C. W. Thomas
Register of Deeds,

A Chronological Deed History of Hopewell

May 18, 1880 (Book 22, Page 50) Original land grant

January 31, 1903 (Book 36, Page 536) Additional land

March 7, 1903 (Book 37, Page 211) Roadway

October 14, 1907 (Book 45, Page 25) More land

February 3, 1939 (Book 85, Page 346) Right of Way

Negotiated by A. A. Nance, M. M. Kiker, A. A. Harrington and J. M. Sikes as Trustees with Anson Mutual Electric Corporation for the 4.6 acres of church property.

May 9, 1941 (Book 90, Page 127) Sale of Revisionary Interests

A. A. Nance & his wife Effie Nance sold the revisionary interest to the 18th May 1880 deed for \$10.00 to the Hopewell Methodist Church Trustees; i.e., J. M. Sikes, J. R. Kiker, M. M. Kiker, J. A. Harrington and A. A. Nance.

September 9, 1941 Sales of Revisionary Interests

(Book 90, Page 505) The above Trustees sell all rights of the 4.6 acres mentioned in the deeds of 31st January 1903 and 14th October 1907 including the area covered in 9th May 1941 and the Right of Way of 7th March 1903 to Miss Elizabeth Hathcock:

(Book 90, Page 507) Miss Elizabeth Hathcock sells all this back to the Trustees for the same amount (\$10.00) which eliminates the revisionary clause for the future.

May 4, 1956 (Book 128, Page 82) Additional land

Alfred A. Nance and his wife, Effie K. Nance sell a lot, 1.2 acres, for \$10.00 to Hopewell Methodist Church Trustees; i.e., J. M. Sikes, Clyde Thomas and Vance Tucker.

May 11th, 1978 (Book 192, Page 851) Land Lease.

Leased 4 acres from Mrs. Calvin F. Kiker for 3 years with option for 5 years at \$75.00 per acre, per year. Johnny C. Thomas was Chairman of the Administrative Board. Witnesses are C. Alvin Nance Anita R. Kiker and Margaret C. Sikes

September 22, 1980 (Book 199, Page 632) Land Lease.

Leased a triangle of land for a scout hut from A. C. and Josie K. Barbee for ten years with a 10 year option at annual rate of \$150.00 with church able to cancel the agreement and to have first call if land is sold. Johnny C. Thomas, Chairman of the Administrative Board. Witnesses are James M. Kiker, Cam. B. Comers and Johnny C. Thomas

February 8, 1983 (Book 205, Page 319) More land.

Purchased from Linda H. Sikes Lewis and her husband, Jerry Lewis, 5.924 acres for \$10.00 by the Trustees; i.e., W. P. Ferree, James W. Lanier, Lamar Nance and Rebecca H. Thomas.

February 27, 1989 Easements

Both easements are ten foot swathes to Southern Bell for buried cables and overhead lines.

February 27, 1989 Easements

(Book 223, Page 389 Easement sold to Southern Bell for a ten-foot strip of land across the tract described in Deed of 9th September 1941 (Book 90, page 507) for \$200.00. Trustees are C. A. Nance and Johnny C. Thomas.

(Book 223, Page 440) Easement sold same as above except it is for the tract described in Deed of 8th February, 1983 (Book 205, page 319) and for the same amount.

June 6, 1989 Land purchase

1.04 acres bought from Eligie G. Sheppard and Jean A. Sheppard for unspecified amount in the deed. Trustees are Robert Harward, Betsy Lanier and Johnny C. Thomas. (Book 224, Page 885)

February 4, 1990 Property exchange

After worship service land owned by the church across the Hopewell Church Road was exchanged for a piece of property adjoining the Church and cemetery in the possession of Joe and Bernice Williams.

January 1992

After worship Larry and Anne Caudle donated 4.1 acres of land to the church in memory of the McSwains.



BEFORE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

HOPEWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR A.D. 1991

(* indicates membership on the Administrative Board)

PASTOR		Clint James Church
*Church Lay Leader		John Thomas
*Church Treasurer		Baxter Kiker
*Church Financial Secretary		David Thomas
*Church Membership Secretary		Edna Griggs
*Communications Coordinator		Jean Tyson
Finance Committee		Rev. Jim. Church
		Alvin Nance, John Thomas,
		Thomas Cureton, Susie
		McSwain, David Thomas,
		Baxter Kiker, Bobby McCollum,
*Church Historian		Edna Tarlton Griggs
Board of Trustees	*Chairperson	92 Bill Lanier
		91 Frank Tucker
		91 Pam Billingsly
		92 Elaine Thomas
		93 Paul Sikes, Sr.
		93 Howard Lisk, Sr.
*President of the United Methodist Women		Mildred Nance
*Superintendent of the Sunday School		Susie McSwain
Assistant Superintendent		Bruce Sikes
*Peace Coordinator/Interpreter		Debbie Sheppard
District Mission Society Representative		Betty Nance
Conference Vision Builders Society Representative		Bert McCollum
Conference Bother/Sisterhood Representative		Linda Coble
N.C. Christian Advocate Representative		Dorothy Taylor
*Administrative Board Chairperson		Norris Sheppard
	*Vice Chair	Ervin Nance
	*Members at Large	91 Ken Tyson
		91 Bruce Sikes
		91 Tommy Baucom
		92 Joe Thomas
		92 Robert Harward
		92 Jimmy Phifer
		93 Betty Jo Comer
		93 Norris Sheppard
		93 Paul Sikes, Jr.
*Council on Ministries Chairperson		Thomas Cureton
Members	Myra Curtis	Alvin Nance
	Butch Sikes	Mildred nance
	Louise Johnson	Elizabeth Phifer
	Charles Nance	Sonya Poplin
	Betty Nance	Violet Thomas
	Pauline Phifer	Jean Tyson
	Edna Griggs	Conrad Tucker
	Chris Thomas	Debbie Sheppard
	Renee Sikes	Doris Simmons
	John Thomas	Elaine Thomas
	Ken Tyson	Melissa Williams
	Lynda Cureton	Sheila Sikes
		Mae Kiker

*Coordinator of Adult Ministries		Mildred Nance
*Coordinator of Children's Ministries		Sonya Poplin
*Coordinator of Family Ministries		Melissa Williams
*Coordinator of Older Adults Ministries		Louise Johnson
*Coordinator of Singles Ministries		Ken Tyson
*Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries		Debbie Sheppard
*Coordinator of Youth Ministries		Elaine Thomas
*Chairperson, Work Area on Education		Mae Kiker
*Chairperson, Work Area on Evangelism		Charles Nance
*Chairperson, Work Area on Higher Education/ Campus Ministry		Violet Thomas
*Chairperson, Work Area on Missions		Betty Nance
*Chairperson, Work Area on The Status and Role of Women		Pauline Phifer
*Chairperson, Work Area on Stewardship		Susie McSwain
*Chairperson, Work Area on Worship		Sheila Sikes
*Lay Delegate (Member) of the 1991 Annual Conference		Edna T. Griggs
Reserve Lay Delegate		Louise Johnson
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee	*Chairperson	91 Bobby McCollum
		91 Sue Thomas
		92 Sue McCollum
		92 David Thomas
		93 Ervin Nance
		93 Ethel Tucker
		Edna T. Griggs
(Annual Conference Lay Delegate)		
Parsonage Committee	*Chairperson	Debbie Sheppard
		Robert Sikes
(Pastor-Parish Relations Committee)		Sue McCollum
		Martin McSwain
		Jewel Harward
		Pam McCollum
		<u>Alyson Church</u>
(Current Pastors Spouse)		
Vacation Bible School Coordinators		Renee Sikes
		Melissa Williams
		Alyson Church
		Sheila Sikes
Choir Director		
Cemetery Committee	Chairperson	Craig Thomas
	Treasurer	Frank Tucker
	Secretary	Bobby McCollum
		Ervin Nance
		Walter Taylor
Contact Person (for placing flowers in sanctuary)		Margaret Sikes
Committee on Nominations and Personnel		91 Susie McSwain
		91 Bruce Sikes
		92 Jean Tyson
		92 Violet Thomas
		93 Charles Nance
		93 Pam McCollum
		John Thomas
(Lay Leader)		Rev. Jim Church
(Current Pastor)		
Vision 2000 Committee	Chairperson	Robert Sikes
		Norris Sheppard
		Elizabeth Phifer
		Lynda Cureton
		Bobby McCollum

Youth Fellowship Counselors and Assistants
(Age 11-14)

John and Elaine Thomas
David and Shirley Thomas
Ken and Jean Tyson
Melody Hyatt
Jeanie Thomas
Michelle Sikes
Bob and Sheila Sikes

(Age 6-10)

NOTE: All offices and committees are appointable by the Charge Conference and are therefore answerable to the Charge Conference and the Administrative Board and to function under their direction. Any office that comes open during the year will be filled by a called Charge Conference following the correct procedure. Any ad hoc or temporary committees to deal with specific concerns of the Hopewell United Methodist congregation will be appointed during Administrative Board Meetings. These committees will remain in operation until their goals are acheived and they report back to the Administrative Board.

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Peachland, North Carolina 28133

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MEMORABILIA

The oaks around the church before they were pruned and topped?

When the church was heated by pot-bellied stoves?

The olden days of the Sunday School at Hopewell?

Miss Viola Kiker left the church the records she made as the Sunday School Secretary which tell the names of those absent, the number present, the amount of the offering received, and the weather that Sunday.

Some members still possess the earlier materials used in Sunday School.

The blueprints for the sanctuary built during World War II?

One of the members is supposed to have a copy of them.

When the bell spoke to the community?

A filler taken from the 1879 Pee Dee Argus:

Inscription on a Bell

"To call the folk to church on time,
I chime;
When mirth and pleasure's on the wing,
I ring;
When from the body parts the soul,
I toll."

The names of the wings on the church that burned in 1939?

One members recalls the wing towards the cemetery being named after Ray Kiker.

He also tells a story about the other wing. It seems that in the era of the pot-bellied stove, one day the pipe thru the roof got so hot that the wood around it began to smoulder and smoke. Some of those present ran to the spring to get buckets of water. While they were a'getting it, a member who was chewing tobacco (something not supposed to be done in church!) spit on the area to keep it cool until the water arrived to drench it down and prevent a fire from burning down the church.

The names of the graves that only have plain stone markers?

The dedication of the church built in 1880? or any accounts of the log meeting house before it?

To gain a glimmer of the 1820's at Hopewell, in 1884 the Sunday School Division of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South published a novel, The Log Meeting-house and the McIhanys by John E. Edwards, which still exists in copies at various libraries, Duke University, Greensboro College, N.C. State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Greensboro Public Library, and Pack Memorial Library at Asheville. It provides a good picture of the rural church in that era of Methodism.

The items placed in the cornerstones?



Hopewell Methodist Church

1880 - 1939 This Building Burned on Christmas Eve 1939

Caption reads: Hopewell Methodist Church 1880-1939
This Building Burned on Christmas eve 1939.

This photo courtesy of Viola Thomas.

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Taken from The Messenger and Intelligencer of December 28, 1939.

HOPEWELL CHURCH BURNS.

Hopewell Methodist church, edifice of one of the oldest religious congregations in the State, was destroyed by fire late Saturday night. There was no insurance on the building. Hopewell church was located about two miles southeast of where Burnsville school now stands, perhaps a century and a half ago. Extant conference records date back to 1807, and the church then was regarded as an old institution. Officers and members of the church are discussing plans for its rebuilding, but no definite plans have been announced.

From **The Messenger and Intelligencer** of July 31st, 1941:

GETSINGER-KIKER

In the handsome new Hopewell Methodist Church recently completed on the historic site where the members of the bride's family have worshipped for generations, Miss Ruth Gonell Kiker, of Polkton, and John Goodman Getsinger, of Plymouth and Asheville, were united in marriage. The ceremony was solemnized at eight o'clock in the evening of July 25th. Rev. J.E. Hipp, pastor of the church, officiated, and the impressive ring service was used.

For decorations the altar and entire end of the church was banked with spruce pines. Pines were also used in the space between each window on both sides of the church. . . .

Theirs was the first wedding in the brick church although it was not completely finished. A relative remarked on the efforts of Mr. John Raymond Kiker to secure enough chairs for the ceremony and the paper notes some 150 guests. The young couple gave to the church the current pulpit Bible.

From **The North Carolina Christian Advocate** Number 18 of April 30, 1942 on page 12:

HOPEWELL CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED MAY 3, AT 11 A.M.

Hopewell church was organized in the year 1808 with only two families composing its membership. This church was built of hewn logs, was burned, perhaps in the year 1880, and was rebuilt the same year.

At first, the church was on the Ansonville circuit, but later changed to the Polkton church. In 1922 the Peachland charge was formed, and Hopewell became a part of it.

By this time the Sunday school had grown until the building had to be enlarged. This was done in 1930, but the work was not completed until the following year. The Sunday School continued to grow until two more classes needed to be provided for, which was promptly done.

Again in 1939 Hopewell suffered from another devastating fire which was a total loss. But soon the people got the present building under construction, which is a beautiful modern brick veneer structure, costing approximately \$11,000, and will be dedicated May 3, at 11 a.m., by the district superintendent, Rev. G.T. Bond. All former pastors and friends are cordially invited to attend. Lunch will be an afternoon service which will provide an opportunity for each former pastor to make a short talk.

C.J. Winslow, Pastor.

From The Messenger and Intelligencer on May 7th, 1942

HOPEWELL DEDICATES NEW CHURCH BUILDING

The dedicatory services at Hopewell Methodist church, in Burnsville township, last Sunday were largely attended and a day of fraternal reunion and good fellowship was enjoyed.

Rev. G. T. Bond, Charlotte district superintendent, preached the dedicatory sermon. The services included official laying of the cornerstone. Placed in the cornerstone was a metal box containing a copy of the Bible, copies of The M. & I. and of The Christian Advocate, Methodist Hymnal, and the official roll of the church.

An appetizing and bountiful dinner was served on the grounds.

In the afternoon a quarterly meeting of the Peachland circuit was held, and afterwards Rev. Mr. Dulin, a former pastor, delivered a sermon.

People attended from many points, including Charlotte, Salisbury, Reidsville, and Hartsville, S.C.

From The Anson Record of April 5th, 1962:

In BURNSVILLE BRIEFS by Doris Kiker

Hopewell Church was the place of a happy occasion on Sunday when we dedicated our recently completed educational building. The message was delivered by the Rev. Jack Honey cutt, District superintendent fo the Albemarle district. The Rev. John Oakley who was our pastor at the time the building was started was also present for the occasion. We are indeed proud of the new addition and hope it will be a great help in the educational program of the church.

A photo with this caption was in the April 12th, 1962 issue:

HOPEWELL METHODIST CHURCH members are duly proud of their new educational building which was formally dedicated at services, Sunday morning at 11:00. The Rev. W. J. Honeycutt, Albemarle District Superintendent, was guest speaker for the occasion. The Rev. John Oakley, who was pastor of the church when the building was originally started, was also in attendance, as well as many former members. The Hopewell members have diligently worked to secure this building, and it is a tribute to them to observe such a fine accomplishment. The Rev. Warren Hawks is the pastor of the church.
(The available photo is in very poor! shape to be copied.)

The Messenger and Intelligencer mentions it in an article on page 6 of the March 14, 1962 issue, "Progressive Rural Churches":

The building of a new educational plant at Hopewell will be marked by dedication services on Sunday, April 1 at 11 a. m.

Ever having achieved perfect attendance in Sunday School?
On the inside of the sanctuary, is a board which recognizes those with years of perfect attendance. Currently, those so honored are:

Miss Georgia Kiker	3 years
Mr. Ira T. Kiker	17 years
Mr. Charlie E. Kiker	3 years
Mr. Calvin F. Kiker	5 years
Mr. D. Wayne Taylor	6 years
Mrs. Jennie Mae Harward	6 years
Mrs. Claudia K. Stamey	8 years
Mr. Lester Claude McSwain	2 years

Seeing the sawmill at work for the building of the Sanctuary?
Does anyone have a photograph of this undertaking?

Perhaps some of the unanswered questions about Hopewell United Methodist Church can be answered by further research among the archives which contain records relating to the church or by doing an oral history program with the members of the church who recall events in the life of the congregation at Hopewell from the wooden church that burned on Christmas Eve, 1939.

Archives and other locations with pertinent information:

North Carolina United Methodist Church
The Methodist Building
1301 Glenwood Avenue, Post Office Box 10955
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605 Telephone #: 1(919)832-9560
(the years 1870-1890)

South Carolina United Methodist Church
Sandor Teszier Library
Wofford College
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301
(the years prior to 1870)

Western North Carolina United Methodist Church
Conference Memorial Ceneter
P.O. Box 18005
Charlotte, N.C. 28218 Open Tuesday & Wednesday 9-4
Telephone # 1(704)535-2260
(the years since 1890)

Southeastern Jurisdiction
Heritage Center Open basically May through October
Post Office Box 1165
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina 28745
General Commission on Archives and History
36 Madison Avenue, Post Office Box 127
Madison, New Jersey 09740

Non-Methodist locations are on the next page

North Carolina State Archives and History
State Library Building
109 East Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Genealogical Services Branch
N.C. Division of State Library
Archives and History
109 East Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

The Southern Historical Collection
University of North Carolina Library
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

The North Carolina Collection
Wilson Library, UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Manuscript Department
William R. Perkins Library
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina 27706

Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library
The Carolina Room
310 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Hampton B. Allen Library
120 South Greene Street
Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170
(Microfilm copies of local papers)

Greensboro College Library
(Home to the North Carolina Christian Advocate)

Indicated by South Carolina Annual Conference Journal of 1870:

Parley W. Clenney joined the conference in the itinerancy
in 1832; born in Anson Co., N. C.; died
at age 23 on October 5, 1835 in Sumter
Co., South Carolina.

I think Rev. Clenney came out of Hopewell Methodist Episcopal
Church in America and
the Rocky River Circuit.

There may be more information to be found in the Quarterly Conference
minutes of the Ansonville circuit if they still exist.

STATISTICS THROUGH THE YEARS

- 1813 (Smallhope) 1 local pastor, 9 full white members, paid \$2.65
1817 (Hopewell) 2 local pastors?, 27 full white members
1890 Ansonville Circuit reports 7 churches with 430 white members
1 coloured member
7 Sunday Schools, 410 members, 36 teachers
1893 sees mention of a Polkton circuit appointment: E. M. Merritt
but no statistical report until a note in 1893 that Polkton
has 255 members.
1896 first full statistical tables report for the Polkton Circuit
5 churches, 204 members; 3 Sunday Schools, 12 officers/teachers
80 members
1921 Polkton Circuit 7 churches, 644 members; 5 Sunday Schools,
35 officers/teachers, 417 members
1922 Polkton Circuit is Mt. Vernon, Polkton, Popular Hill
Peachland Circuit is Fountain Hill, Hopewell, Mount Moriah,
Peachland.
(372 members in 1921) 379 members; 3 Sunday Schools,
15 officers/teachers, 250 members
1943 Hopewell 340 members, 251 in Church School, 17 in Women's
Society, Property valued at \$14,000.
1960 Hopewell 319 members, 269 in Church School, 33 in Women's
Society, Property valued at \$30,000.
1983 Hopewell 281 members, 241 in Church School, 36 in United
Methodist Women, 26 in the Men's Club, Property
valued at \$305,000+Parsonage & furnishings valued
at \$111,000.
1991 Hopewell 273 members, 245 in Sunday School, 28 in United
Methodist Women, Property valued at \$406,000 +
Parsonage & furnishings valued at \$138,000. Men's
Club did not report.

We had the Sunday School books beginning in 1883 and they are of great interest:

Sunday School Officers(Nov.-Dec. 1883)	Class taught & size
J. F. McCollum, Supt.	#1 (6 members)
J. W. Kiker, Sec.	
Wiley Bowers	BIBLE (11 members)
H. H. Hays	#2 (13, all female)
John W. Bowers	#3 (10, all male)
John C. Caudle	#4 (15, mixed?)
D. K. Beachum	#5 (11, all female)

Total of 6 teachers and 66 members/scholars on roll.

These bits might just strike a chord with nineteenth century members of Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church. They are culled from Rough Weather Makes Good Timber: Carolinians Recall by Patsy Moore Ginns.

WALKING TO CHURCH

We usually went to church on Sunday.

It was three miles to church from Air Bellows.

And usually we walked to church.

We had Sunday shoes, but we didn't wear them on the way to church.

We'd walk barefooted until we got on up to about half mile of church, then we'd stop and sit down and put on our shoes and stockings.

And then we on to church.

Well, we usually had company going back home so we didn't take our shoes off going back.

Nora C. Wagoner, 1882

APRONS AND OVERALLS

My mother would wear aprons to church.

And we starched all our clothes.

Pillowcases-just everything we starched.

And women would wear aprons and bonnets to church at that time, and men would wear overalls.

Go in the wagon.

And if it was cold, my daddy has heated brick and put in the wagon to try to keep our feet warm.

Wrapped 'em in old tow sacks.

Ethel Lutz, 1898

PREACHING ONCE A MONTH

People went to four or five churches.

Didn't have preaching but once a month.

Methodist. Missionary Baptist. Free Will Baptist-Oh, I don't know-all of 'em.

But one of 'em preached first Sunday, 'nother one of 'em second Sunday-just have preachin' at your church once a month.

But everybody went around to all the other churches.

I've heard 'em talk about goin' to all four churches every month.

Hubert C. Woodall, 1892

BRUSH ARBOR

They had a brush arbor right out there where my house is now.

And they had benches of slabs in there to set on.

And they had pine brush over the top of it to keep the sun out of it.

Just had poles all around to hold the top up.

And we went out there lots of times to that old camp meetin'.

Brush arbor.

Then they tore that down and built just a small church.

And then they tore that down and built 'em a big church.

Ethel Lutz, 1898

The next two recollections are things of the past for a lot of people but they still take place or evoke my own childhood memories of going to Hopewell and using the funeral home fans in the heat. Of course nowadays the preacher is paid a salary and you won't see this event be tallied up and printed in the newspaper. But every church history ought to have a section of "Memories."

THE FAN

But we also carried a fan.

Always a fan.

To cool off when you'd go to church or Sunday school.

Why, very gracefully, you used your fan.

'Course, if anybody looked at you too cute or smiled too much,
you could put your fan up so that they couldn't see you.

Then you'd lower your fan a little and look over it to see if
they were still looking at you.

Oh, yes, the fans!

And such pretty ones!

The fans cost more than the parasols.

Beautiful.

Frances C. Cole, 1890

THE POUNDING

And we didn't have a baptismal place in the church. We had to go to a pond to
be baptised. They were usually made from a spring.

We had prayer meeting, and we'd go out in the grove. They'd all come together
and when they needed rain, they'd pray for rain. They were more in earnest then.
They were.

And you could hear the preacher a mile away. And I mean they Preached!

And we used to give the preachers a lot, you know, instead of paying 'em a
big salary. Everyone tried to give 'em something. We'd have what we called a
pounding and take all kinds of things for 'em. Food and clothing, too. We didn't
have a whole lot of money to give.

A dollar was a dollar in that day and time. And we worked for 'em. Why, I
picked a many a gallon of blackberries for ten cents a gallon. Now, that's how
we worked. And we were so glad to get it. When I was a little girl, going around
bare-footed, I'd pick ten gallons of blackberries a day.

Cleo Elam, 1902

Quite often in those years, the circuit preacher was not on hand when someone
died. Often the only suit a farmer owned was his burying clothes. Undertakers
were in the cities and the towns or were called for some one famous and/or
rich, hence the following.

NO UNDERTAKER

Well, when anybody died, we went to 'em.

and we made the shrouds and fixed 'em

and dressed 'em

and put 'em in their coffin

and buried 'em.

There was no undertaker about it.

Minnie Lee Spencer, 1879

In the August 18th, 1892 edition of The Messenger and Intelligencer:

LONG SERMONS.

(Western N. C., Methodist)

Lengthy sermons may take well before congregations that only have preaching once or twice a month; but where the people hear preaching every Sabbath there is no demand for lengthy sermons. Forty-five minutes is long enough for the average sermon. The wide awake preacher can readily tell when his audience has grown weary, and will not protract the punishment. It takes some preachers an hour or more to make a failure, however. Under these circumstances the distressed preacher has the sympathies of his audience.

In the September 29th, 1892 edition of the above newspaper:

METHODISTS AND WINE.

Atlanta Journal.

The Methodist church of the United States, both north and south, has very strict rules of conduct for its laymen and still stricter ones for its clergy.

The English Methodists's are much more liberal in this respect. Consequently many American Methodist ministers who attended the recent Ecumenical conference in London were greatly surprised to see English Methodist ministers and their families use wine and beer at their tables. They learned that this custom is prevalent among British Methodists, both clergy and laity. The American Methodists, commented upon it to some extent while they were abroad and their doing so has called forth retorts from some of their British brethren. Rev. John Bond, secretary of the Ecumenical conference, said in a newspaper interview:

"They have made remarks, though I do not mean to say they have been unkindly ones, on the matter. My answer is that this is a free country. America is not. We reserve the right to drink alcoholic liquors in moderation, if we wish. The American dictum would be ruled out by Wesley, who drank wine to the end of his life."

Some of the Methodist prodicals in this country are rather severe in their comments on the wine-drinking habits of Methodists in England. A great majority of Methodists in this country would lose confidence in a minister of their church who indulged habitually in wine or beer, and he would probably be tried and dismissed from the conference to which he belonged. The smoking or chewing of tobacco by one of their ministers is regarded with disfavor by most American Methodists. Though they hold the same articles of faith there is a decided difference between American and British Methodists on matters of church discipline.

The eras change but the issues remain the same and opinions are vocalized freely on these issues still today in The United Methodist Church. In Wesley and Asbury's era, sermons were commonly between an hour to an hour and a half long, with the service lasting between two and three hours when the circuit rider was present on a Sabbath.

HONOR ROLLS

As one enters Hopewell United Methodist Church through the main entrance, one notices three wooden plaques on the left wall of the tiny hallway under the steeple. These plaques honor the members of Hopewell who have served in the armed forces of the United States in this century.

WORLD WAR I VETERANS

Steward Beachum
Marshall Bowers
Daniel Honeycutt
James Honeycutt
Fincher Kiker
George Preslar
Clyde Sheppard
Clayton Taylor
Sam Taylor
Lonnie Thomas
Vance Tucker

HONOR ROLL WORLD WAR .2. VETERANS

Joe Beachum	John Floyd	Jame Sikes	Boyce Thomas
Baxter Bowers	Jack Getsinger	Curtis Smith	Craig Thomas
Charles Bowers	Ellis Honeycutt	Roy Smith	Craven Thomas
James Bowers	Grover Honeycutt	Willie Stearnes	George Thomas
Joe Bowers	Robert Honeycutt	Gwyn Sutherland	Jack Thomas
Junius Bowers	Ralph Horne	Bryce Tarlton	Edwin Threadgill
Ted Bowers	Charles Howell	Hollis Tarlton	Kirby Threadgill
Hampton Caudle	Clude Kiker	J. P. Tarlton	Roy Threadgill
Luther Caudle	Raymond Kiker	Ward Tarlton	Beauford Tucker
Kermit Curran	Rupert Kiker	Bruce Taylor	Doyle Tucker
Donald Ferree	Mason McCollum	Carl Taylot	Erie Tucker
Harry Ferree	Milford McCollum	Guy Taylor	Killian Tucker
John Ferree	Charles Nance	Hughes Taylor	Mason Tucker
Boyce Floyd	David Nance	John Taylor	Nelson Tucker
Jess Floyd	Bruce Sikes	Wade Taylor	Willie F. Tucker
	Hugh Sikes	Bee Thomas	Ceborn Taylor

HONOR ROLL

Ned Beachum	Clinton Nance	Edwin Tucker
Curtis Bowers	Lee Sikes	Hugh Tucker
Jackie Bowers	Mason Smith	Richard Tucker
Larry Caudle	Ned Tarlton	Lynn Thomas
Sam Caudle	Arthur Taylor	Lane Tucker
W. C. Gaddy	Billy Taylor	Douglas Thomas
Robert Howard	Donald Taylor	Jimmy Phifer
John Hyatt	John Taylor	
Bill Kiker	Roy Taylor	
Charles Kiker	Carol Thomas	
Graham Kiker	Lynn Thomas	
Craven Kiker	Raeford Thomas	
Ted Kiker	Randy Thomas	
Bill Lanier	Ronnie Thomas	
Leonidas McSwain	T. C. Threadgill	

THE CONNECTIONAL HISTORY OF HOPEWELL

DENOMINATIONAL

From the beginning through 1844, Hopewell was a church of The Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

After May 17, 1845 until October 1939 Hopewell was part of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

After the conference of 1939 until conference 1968, Hopewell was a church of The Methodist Church.

During the trial period of 1968 - 1980 until the present, Hopewell is a part of The United Methodist Church.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

From the founding through 1870, Hopewell was in a district of the South Carolina Conference.

From 1870 through 1890, Hopewell was in a district of the North Carolina Conference.

From 1890 until the present, Hopewell is now in a district of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

DISTRICT

(actually the entire South Carolina Conference area) 1800 - 1801

Camden 1802-1808

Catawba 1809-1824

Cheraw 1825-1828

Lincolnton 1828-1835

Fayetteville 1835-1836

Lincolnton 1836-1840

Cheraw 1841-1847

Fayetteville 1848-1850

Georgetown 1851-1853

Charlotte 1853-1858

Wadesboro December 1858 - November 1870

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Charlotte December 1870 - June 1960

Albemarle June 1960 - Present

CIRCUIT/CHARGE

1800-1805 Anson & Little Pee Dee

1805 Anson

1805-1834 Rocky River

1834-1859 Wadesboro

1859-1891 Ansonville Circuit

1892-1922 Polkton Charge

1922-1983 Peachland Charge

1983- HOPEWELL (station church)

PASTORS WHO SERVED HOPEWELL

Year	Pastor	Notes about the pastor
1800	Samuel Douthet	2nd time on circuit, senior preacher joined itinerancy in 1797
	Moses Matthews	2nd appointment, junior preacher joined itinerancy in 1799
	Ezekiel Burdine	1st appointment, junior preacher joined the itinerancy in 1800
1801	Thomas Nelson	1st time on circuit, senior preacher joined the itinerancy in 1783
	Thomas Shaw	2nd time on circuit, junior preacher joined the itinerancy in 1798
1800-1801	Benjamin Blanton	was the Presiding Elder with the district covering the whole South Carolina Conference. Last appointment-locates in 1805
1802-1804	James Jenkins	Presiding Elder of Camden District
1802	Thomas Nelson	
	William West	junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1797
1803	Jeremiah Russell	senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1800
	Hugh Porter	junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1802
	John McVean	junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1803, first appointment
1804	Thomas Shaw	senior preacher, 3rd time on circuit
	Meshack Boyce (Meshac)	junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1802
	William Avant	senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1799, last appointment-locates in 1805
	Wiley Warwick	junior preacher, 1st appointment in the itinerancy although local preacher on the circuit since 1799
1805-1807	George Dougherty	Presiding Elder of Camden District
1805	Samuel Mills	senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1802
	Wiley Warwick	
1806	Thomas Nelson	located in 1803, returns as sole pastor on the Rocky River circuit
1807	Bennett Hendricks	replaces George Dougherty as Presiding Elder of Camden District due to death. Last appointment- memoir read at 1808 conference. (Bennett Kendrick)
1807	George Fletcher	sole pastor, joined the itinerancy in 1806, discontinued in 1808
1808	Moses Matthew	Presiding Elder of Camden District due to death of Bennett Hendricks (Bennett Kendrick)
1808	Samuel Harrison	sole pastor, 1st appointment in the itinerancy

1809 Daniel Asbury Presiding Elder of the Catawba District

1809 Wiley Warwick sole pastor, second time on circuit

1810-1813 Jonathan Jackson Presiding Elder of Catawba District,
Anson circuit his 1st appointment in the itinerancy

1810 Jacob Rumph senior pastor, joined the itinerancy in
1808: conference in 1809

Whitman C. Hill junior pastor, 1st appointment in the
itinerancy

1811 John Rye senior pastor, joined the itinerancy in
1809, discontinued after this

James Hays junior pastor, 1st appointment in the
itinerancy, discontinued in 1813

1812 John Hill senior pastor, joined the itinerancy in
1805, locates 1815

John Shrock junior pastor, joined the itinerancy in
1811, discontinued in 1813

1813 Robert Porter senior pastor, joined the itinerancy in
1806, locates in 1816

John Wright junior pastor, 1st appointment in the
itinerancy, locates 1817

1814-1817 Daniel Asbury Presiding Elder of the Catawba District

1814 Robert Porter

Aquila Leatherwood junior preacher, 1st appointment in
the itinerancy, locates in 1818

1815 Daniel Monaghan (Monagon) sole preacher, 1st appointment
by self, joined the itinerancy in 1814
locates in 1819

1816 Archibald Brown sole preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1812, locates 1817

1817 Samuel Harrison sole preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1816, discontinued after this

1818-1821 Jesse Richardson Presiding Elder of Catawba District

1818 Tillman Snead senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1816

Charles Betts junior preacher, born in 1800; 1st appoint-
ment in an itinerancy (Jan. 1818-Sept. 1871)

1819 Josiah Evans senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1817

Levi Stansell (Stancel) junior preacher, only this year
in itinerancy, then discontinued

1820 Jacob Hill senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1812, Died in 1855

John H. Tradewell (Treadwell) junior preacher, 1st appoint-
ment in the itinerancy, locates in 1824

1821 Elias Sinclair (Elijah Sinclair) senior although 1st
 appointment in the itinerancy
 John Reynolds junior, also 1st appoinment in the
 itinerancy, locates in 1826

1822-1824 Daniel F. Christenbury Presiding Elder of Catawba
 District

1822 John Boswell senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
 1811, located in 1817 and returned in 1822
 John Covington junior preacher, 1st appointment in the
 itinerancy, locates in 1825

1823 Benjamin Rhodes senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
 1818, died in 1826
 Ewell Petty junior preacher, 1st appointment in the
 itinerancy, locates in 1827

1824 Zaccheus Dowling (Dawling) senior preacher, joined the
 itinerancy in 1816
 Samuel Sewell junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
 1823, locates in 1827

1825 Daniel F. Christenbury Presiding Elder of Cheraw District

1825 Zaccheus Dowling
 Phillip Groover junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
 1823, locates in 1829

1826-1827 Malcolm McPherson Presiding Elder of Cheraw District

1826 Ewell Petty senior preacher, 2nd time on circuit
 John M. Tatum junior preacher, only year in the
 itinerancy, discontinued after this

1827 Phillip Groover sole pastor, 2nd time on circuit

1828-1829 Malcolm McPherson Presiding Elder of Lincolnton District

1828 James Hitchner sole pastor, joined the itinerancy in 1824
 locates in 1830

1829 Joseph Moore sole preacher,

1830-1833 Hartwell Spain Presiding Elder of Lincolnton District

1830 William T. Smith sole preacher, joined the itinerancy in
 1827, locates in 1836

1831 William T. Smith

1832 Absalom Brown senior preacher, Joined the itinerancy
 (Absolam) in 1828, died in 1833
 Jacob B. Anthony junior preacher, 1st appointment in the
 itinerancy, Orders withdrawn in 1845

1833 Josiah Freeman sole pastor, joined the itinerancy in
 1822, died in 1834

- 1834 Charles Betts Presiding Elder of the Lincolnton District
served Rocky River circuit in 1818
- 1834 Kenneth Murchison sole preacher of the Wadesboro circuit,
joined the itinerancy in 1827, locates
in 1843
- 1835 Allen Hambey Presiding Elder of the Fayetteville District
- 1835 John H. Robinson sole preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1821, located in 1858
- 1836-1838 Allen Hambey Presiding Elder of Lincolnton District
- 1836 Allen McCorquodale* senior preacher, joined the itinerancy
in 1830, died in 1875
- David W. Seal junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1835, died 1895
- 1837 Daniel G. McDaniel senior preacher, joined the itinerancy
in 1821
- William M. Kerr junior preacher, 1st appointment in the
itinerancy, locates in 1847
- 1838 Daniel G. McDaniel
Colin Murchinson (Murchison) junior preacher, joined the
itinerancy in 1837
- 1839-1840 William Crook Presiding Elder of Lincolnton District
- 1839 Archibald B. McGilvary* senior preacher, joined the
itinerancy in 1832, died 1863
- Mark Russell junior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1832, located in 1842
- 1840 Ira L. Potter senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1835
- Solomon W. Davis (Daves) junior preacher, joins the
itinerancy in 1841, transfers to California
in 1851 after being sent as a missionary to
the miners in 1849
- 1841-1844 David Derrick Presiding Elder of the Cheraw District
- 1841 Ira L. Potter
Solomon W. Davis
- 1842 Samuel Wragg Capers senior preacher, half-brother of Bishop
William Capers; born 3/5/1797, joined
the conference on trial in 1828, died
June 22, 1855
- William H. Smith junior preacher, 1st appointment on
trial, discontinued in 1844
- 1843 John Tarrant senior Preacher, Born in 1781; joined the
itinerancy in 1810, superannuated in 1846,
died April 1, 1849 in Wadesboro, buried in
Eastview Cemetery
- Henry Hill Durant junior preacher, Born 3/3/1814, on trial
in 1834, famed "boy" preacher who led
a great revival on the circuit, died
December 3, 1861.

*Scottish immigrants; McGilvary from the Isle of Skye

1844 Samuel Leard senior Preacher, joined the itinerancy in 1835,
buried his wife at Wadesboro in 1845, died in
1896
Jacky M. Bradley junior preacher? joined the itinerancy in
1826, located in 1861

1845-1846 James Stacey Presiding Elder of Cheraw District

1845 Samuel Leard
William Barringer junior preacher, joined on trial in 1845,
1st appointment, transferred to North
Carolina Conference in 1850

1846 Theophilus Huggins senior preacher, joined the itinerancy
in 1833, located in 1849
Joseph Galluchat junior preacher, joins conference in 1847,
discontinued in 1848

1847-1848 James Stacey Presiding Elder of Fayetteville District

1847 Charles S. Walker senior preacher, joined the conference in
1834, died in 1857
Aaron G. Stacy junior preacher, on trial in 1846

1848 Joseph H. Wheeler senior preacher, joined the itinerants
in 1834. transferred to N.C. Conference
in 1850
John T. Wightman junior preacher, 1st appointment on trial
transferred to Baltimore Conference in 1885

(Note: Wightman United Methodist Church was founded in 1880,
but is more likely named after Bishop William M. Wightman.)

1849-1850 William Barringer Presiding Elder of Fayetteville District
served Wadesboro circuit in 1844

1849 Joseph H. Wheeler
John A. Mood junior preacher, joined conference on trial
in 1846, died 1896

1850 Tracy R. Walsh senior preacher, joined the itinerancy in
1830, died 1867
D. D. Byars junior preacher, 1st appointment on trial,
died 1887

December 1850, the South Carolina Annual Conference met in the
Masonic Lodge at Wadesboro.

1851 Tracy R. Walsh Presiding Elder of Georgetown District
served the circuit in 1850

1851 Charles S. Walker 2nd time on circuit as senior preacher
William English Boone junior preacher, Born 1/11/1805,
on trial in 1850 so 1st appointment,
died October 29, 1859

1852-1853 David Derrick Presiding Elder of the Georgetown District

1852 Charles S. Walker senior pastor
John Wesley Miller junior preacher, joined on trial in
1851, died in 1866

1853 John H. Zimmerman senior preacher, joined on trial in
1838, died 1889
William Hutto junior preacher, joined on trial in
1850, died 1892

1854-1855 David Derrick Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District

1854 Alexander L. Smith senior preacher, joined on trial in
1846, 1st president of Carolina Female
College in Ansonville, died 1872
John William Jefferson Harris junior preacher, joined on
trial in 1848, died 1855

1855 Sidi H. Browne (Brown) senior preacher, joined on trial
in 1847
Eugene W. Thompson junior preacher, 1st appointment on
trial, transferred to North Carolina
Conference in 1870

1856-1857 Hilliard Crawford Parsons Presiding Elder of the
Charlotte District

He served served Wadesboro station and circuit in the
1860's. Died January 29, 1866; buried at Eastview
Cemetery. Was robbed by Sherman's calvary in 1865.

1856 Sidi H. Browne senior preacher
Andrew J. Evans junior preacher, 1st appointment on trial,
located 1860

1857 Marcus A. McKibben senior preacher, joined on trial in
1836, died 1887
Jesse S. Nelson junior preacher, joined on trial in 1855,
transferred to North Carolina Conference
in 1870

1858 Sidi H. Browne Presiding Elder of Charlotte District
served Wadesboro circuit twice, 1855-56

1858 Marcus A. McKibben
R. Randolph Pegues junior preacher, joined on trial in
1856, died 1877

December 1858 Wadesboro District created at S.C. Conference

1859-1861 Sidi H. Browne Presiding Elder of the Wadesboro District

1859 Now Hopewell is on the Ansonville circuit but between 12/1858
and 11/1859 still part of Wadesboro circuit.
Lewis M. Little senior preacher, joined on trial in 1840
died in 1888
John B. Massebeau junior preacher, joined on trial in 1859
(Massebeam) died in 1884

Ansonville circuit created at December 1859 South Carolina Conference. Hopewell is part of that circuit until 1891-2.

1860 William Hutto sole pastor on circuit, served the churches while on Wadesboro circuit in 1853

1861 Augustine W. Walker sole preacher, joined on trial in 1858

1862-1865 Charles Taylor Presiding Elder of Wadesboro District

1862 James M. Cline senior preacher, joined on trial in 1856, located 1869

James D. Carpenter junior preacher, 1st appointment on trial as entered in 1861, located 1871

1863 Allen McCorquodale sole preacher, served the churches before, on Wadesboro circuit in 1836

1864 Landy Wood sole preacher, joined on trial in 1855, died 1892

1865 Landy Wood

1866-1869 Francis Milton Kennedy Presiding Elder of Wadesboro District
Chaplain, 1863-64 of 28th NC Regiment

1866 Thomas A. Boone sole preacher, joined on trial in 1864, transferred to North Carolina Conference in 1870

1867 John A. Mood sole preacher, joined on trial in 1846, died in 1896

1868 Thomas A. Boone

1869 John A. Mood

1870 W. S. Black Presiding Elder of Wadesboro District
In November transfer to the North Carolina Conference.

1870 John W. Puett senior preacher, joined on trial in 1856 transferred to N.C. Conference

Thomas A. Boone junior, but 3rd time serving the circuit

1871-1873 W.S. Black Presiding Elder of Charlotte District

1871 John W. Puett sole preacher

1872 Thomas J. Gattis

1873 Jonathan Sanford

1874-1875 Jesse S. Nelson Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District
served Wadesboro circuit in 1857

1874 Alexander Dewis Betts

1875 Alexander Dewis Betts

1876-1879 W.H. Bobbitt Presiding Elder of Charlotte District

1876 Marcus C. Thomas

1877 Thomas H. Edwards

1878 Thomas H. Edwards

1879 John Nelson Cole 1st appointment, just transferred in
from Missouri and married on January
1st, 1879

1880-1883 Marquis L. Wood Presiding Elder of the Charlotte
District

1880 John Nelson Cole

1881 John Nelson Cole

1882 Lucius E. Stacy

1883 Lucius E. Stacy

1884-1886 Thomas W. Guthrie Presiding Elder of the Charlotte
District

1884 Lucius E. Stacy

1885 Lucius E. Stacy

1886 Matthew H. Moore

1887-1890 Paul J. Caraway Presiding Elder of the Charlotte
District

1887 Matthew H. Moore

1888 Matthew H. Moore

1889 Matthew H. Moore

1890 November of 1890 has the first session of the Western North
Carolina Annual Conference. It is not until 1957 that the
conference would start meeting at Lake Junaluska in June.

1890 George W. Hardison

1891-1894 Andrew W. Tyler Presiding Elder of the Charlotte
District

1891 George W. Hardison

1892 George W. Hardison on Ansonville
Edward M. Merritt is penciled in on Archives copy of the
JOURNAL with Polkton charge/circuit

1893 Edward M. Merritt first printed listing

1894 Edward M. Merritt

1895 Edward M. Merritt

Nov. 1895 Benjamin Franklin Fincher

1896 Benjamin Franklin Fincher

1897 Benjamin Franklin Fincher

1898 Benjamin Franklin Fincher

1899 Benjamin Franklin Fincher

Nov. 1899 William Vance Huneycutt (Honeycutt)

1900 William Vance Huneycutt

1901 William Vance Huneycutt

Nov. 1901 Evan G. Pusey

1902 Evan G. Pusey

Nov. 1902 Robert Theodore Nelson Stephenson

1903 Robert Theodore Nelson Stephenson (according to Rev. John A. Petty this is the only year he served, but my research disagrees. Petty says that John Carter Mock was appointed to Polkton Circuit in Nov. 1903. My research notes that R. T. N. Stephenson was superannuated at the conference, but still connected to Polkton until Nov. 1905 session, and that he died in Polkton on May 5th, 1906.)

Nov. 1903 - Nov. 1905
 John Carter Mock Robert Theodore Nelson Stephenson (SA)

1906 John Carter Mock

1907 John Carter Mock

Nov. 1907 Lucius Tisdale Cordell

1908 Lucius Tisdale Cordell

1909 Lucius Tisdale Cordell

1910 Lucius Tisdale Cordell

1911 Lucius Tisdale Cordell

Nov. 1911 Granville C. Brinkman

1912 Granville C. Brinkman

1913 Granville C. Brinkman

1914 Granville C. Brinkman

Nov. 1914 William Baxter Davis

1915 William Baxter Davis

1916 William Baxter Davis

1917 William Baxter Davis

1918 William Baxter Davis

Nov. 1918 Linwood Higgins Griffith

1919 Linwood Higgins Griffith

1920 Linwood Higgins Griffith

1921 Linwood Higgins Griffith

1922 Linwood Higgins Griffith

Oct. 1922 Peachland Charge designated Whitelaw Reid Harris
 appointed

1923 Whitelaw Reid Harris

1924 Whitelaw Reid Harris

Oct. 1924 John Crittenden Umberger

1925 John Crittenden Umberger

1926 John Crittenden Umberger

1927 John Crittenden Umberger

Nov. 1927 Joseph Alexander Fry

1928 Joseph Alexander Fry
 1929 Joseph Alexander Fry
 Oct. 1929 Phoenica Henson Brittain
 1930 Phoenica Henson Brittain
 1931 Phoenica Henson Brittain
 1932 Phoenica Henson Brittain
 Nov. 1932 Bayne Wesley Lefler, Sr.
 1933 Bayne Wesley Lefler, Sr.
 Nov. 1933 Grady Nicholson Dulin supper annuated at 1932
 conference but resided in Peachland at own home
 until 1936
 1934 Grady Nicholson Dulin
 1935 Grady Nicholson Dulin
 1936 Grady Nicholson Dulin
 1937 Grady Nicholson Dulin
 Oct. 1937 James Boyd Fitzgerald
 1938 James Boyd Fitzgerald
 Oct. 1938 Jesse Eli Hipp
 1939 Jesse Eli Hipp
 1940 Jesse Eli Hipp
 1941 Jesse Eli Hipp
 Oct. 1941 Caleb Jay Winslow
 1942 Caleb Jay Winslow
 1942 Caleb Jay Winslow
 1945 Caleb Jay Winslow
 Oct. 1945 James Russell Warren (Retired Supply Pastor)
 1946 James Russell Warren
 Oct. 1946 Jessie Armon Baldwin (Retired Supply Pastor)
 1947 Jessie Armon Baldwin
 Oct. 1947 John James Sheppard (Shepard) Ordained Elder
 while on charge at 1949 session
 1948 John James Sheppard
 1949 John James Sheppard
 Sept. 1949 C. Y. Ingram (Supply Pastor)
 1950 C. Y. Ingram
 Sept. 1950 Powell Alexander Sherrill his 2nd appointment
 died of a heart attack, 1 p.m. on Saturday,
 19th January, 1951.

Loyd L. Sherbert, a layman fills out Sherrill's year.

Sept. 1951	Ray M. Alber	(via Local Pastor Route as an Approved Supply Pastor, ordained Elder during his time on charge)
1952	Ray M. Alber	
1953	Ray M. Alber	
1954	Ray M. Alber	
1955	Ray M. Alber	
Sept. 1955	Jack Norman Shankle	
1956	Jack Norman Shankle	
1957	Jack Norman Shankle	
June 1957	Alvin Gray Amick	
June 1958	John Silas Oakley	
1959	John Silas Oakley	
1960	John Silas Oakley	
June 1961	Warren Gamaliel Harding Hawks	
1962	Warren Gamaliel Harding Hawks	
1963	Warren Gamaliel Harding Hawks	
1964	Warren Gamaliel Harding Hawks	
1965	Warren Gamaliel Harding Hawks	
June 1966	William Franklin Heffner	
1967	William Franklin Heffner	
1968	William Franklin Heffner	
1969	William Franklin Heffner	
June 1970	David Edgar Hubbard	
1971	David Edgar Hubbard	
1972	David Edgar Hubbard	
1973	David Edgar Hubbard	
June 1974	James Robert Hamilton	
1975	James Robert Hamilton	
1976	James Robert Hamilton	
June 1977	Phillip DeBerry, Jr.	
1978	Phillip DeBerry, Jr.	
1979	Phillip DeBerry, Jr.	
1980	Phillip DeBerry, Jr.	
June 1981	Charles Glenn Powell	pastor until Hopewell a station
1982	Charles Glenn Powell	

At the June 1983 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Hopewell United Methodist Church became a station church/charge.

June 1983	Bruce Allen Miner	Ordained Deacon that session
June 1984	Clint James Church	(via Local Pastor route ordained Deacon and Elder during his appointment at Hopewell)
1985	Jim Church	
1986	Jim Church	
1987	Jim Church	
1988	Jim Church	
1989	Jim Church	
1990	Jim Church	
1991	Clint James (Jim) Church	
June 1992		

It is to be noted that Reverend Powell Alexander Sherrill had only preached twice at Hopewell before he died. His was the shortest period of service and Reverend Clint James Church has served the longest of any appointed preacher. In the earlier era when the preacher was not there, the Sunday school had a service as attested in the roll books:

Service notes for the first Sunday of November, 1883
Opening Song "The Glory Land"
Leader J. F. McCollum
Scripture Lesson I Samuel 12:13-25
Address topic "Samuel's Farewell Address"
Address length 5 minutes
Closing Song "The Long Meter Doxology"
Collection (left blank)
Weather fair
6 officers and teachers present
39 scholars there, 22 absent

NOTES UPON THE CELEBRATION OF FIFTY YEARS IN THE THIRD
CHURCH SANCTUARY AT HOPEWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Opening the Cornerstone:

In reference to the article found on page 42, and in the preparations for the May 3rd, 1992 celebration, the 1942 cornerstone was opened. The result is as follows:

One metal toolbox; rusted on one corner -locked with key on pin.

Contents are missing a half-dollar placed in the cornerstone.

Contents found and listed in the article are still legible.

Revised Standard Version Bible (which cost \$.85) and

The Cokesbury Hymnal are slightly yellowed but solid.

May 7th, 1942 **The Messenger and Intelligencer** issue is badly yellowed and some pages quite faded.

North Carolina Christian Advocate Number 18 is tightly rolled and somewhat brittle but little yellowing.

No official roll of the church but of the called meeting to begin the process of rebuilding is rolled and marked but still easily handled and legible. (A typed copy is below.)

February 26, 1940 Peachland charge,
Charlotte District, Western North Carolina Conference

Call meeting quarterly conference
The following members were present

G.T. Bond D.S.
J.E. Hipp P.C.
J.R. Kiker Sec.
Mrs. W.R. Ferree
J.R. Beachum
A.A. Nance
M.M. Kiker
J.M. Sikes
E.W. Caudle

The following were elected as a building committee.
Edd Kiker
Vance Tucker
John Caudle

The finance committee are-
Miss Viola Kiker
J.T. Kiker
Mrs. W.R. Ferree
Joe Broadaway
Jodie Tucker
Hamp Kiker
Ira Kiker
J.A. Harrington
Miss Lillian Tucker
F.W. Kiker

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The church trustees are-

J.M. Sikes
A.A. Nance
M.M. Kiker
J.A. Harrington
J.R. Kiker

The stewards are-

A.A. Nance
J.M. Sikes
Mrs. W.R. Ferree
J.R. Kiker
J.D. Taylor
Walter Taylor
John Floyd
Claud McSwain
Fred Tucker
Frank Tucker
Hanp Kiker

(signed) G. T. Bond D.S.
J.R. Kiker Sec.

A copy of the bulletin of that dedication service is in the bulletin for the celebration on Sunday, May the 3rd, A.D. 1992.

The 1939 fire did crack the bell, and it was probably donated to a scrap metal drive during World War II.

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J.M. Sikes
A.A. Nance
M.M. Kiker
J.A. Harrington
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The music for the services is interesting.

May 3, 1942 the hymns were from the Cokesbury Hymnal:

(in order,) # 6 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
235 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
81 "The Church's One Foundation"
8 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

May 3, 1992 the hymns were from the United Methodist Hymnal:

43 "Amazing Grace"
Methodist History by Rev. Jim Church
Choral Special "Old Country Church"
History of Hopewell Methodist Church by Mrs. Edna Griggs
Special Music "We Are Going Down the Valley"
(by Norris Sheppard, Al Nance, Betsy Lanier, and Ervin Nance)
87 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

The previous contents of the cornerstone with copies of the special bulletins for May 3rd, 1992 and current copies of the local papers with the current issue of The North Carolina Christian Advocate were resealed into the cornerstone during the May 17th, 1992 services at Hopewell United Methodist Church.



OLD CHURCH



NEW CHURCH

1992 CHURCH CEMETERY SURVEY

To make the best use of this cemetery survey, please remember that the graves are not always marked nor laid out in perfectly aligned rows. Only unusual markers will be fully described although all information inscribed on markers will be recorded. The following layout is on the basis of a road which separates the cemetery into two sections. Also the rows are numbered from the graves nearest the church to those at the edge of the woods and are lettered on a left to right scheme. Small letters denote plain stones, capitals are for professional markers, SPACE is for an empty? area large enough for at least one grave.

- ROW 1 (a)
(b) carving illegible
(c) I. S. Beachum was born April 1812 Died October 5, 1891
(d) F. _ Beachum Died April 16, 1888 the wife of I.S. Beachum
She was about 70 years old.
(E) Steller Vetriss Kiker daughter of R.L. & S.E. Kiker Our Darling Baby
May 4, 1911 - October 8, 1914
(f)
(G) Gullie McNora Kiker daughter of R.L. & S.E. Kiker Our Darling Baby
October 1, 1897 - February 1, 1898
(h)
(i)
(J) dressed marble footer which either marks a grave or a corner from the
1950 cemetery boundary layout or the cleanup in the more recent past.
- ROW 2 (A) BOWERS M. M. Bowers July 4, 1849 - April 24, 1936
Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.
S. Jane Bowers His Wife July 17, 1849 - October 15, 1902
Her life was beauty, truth, goodness and love.
(B) Docia Jane Daughter of M.E. & Margaret Carpenter February 5, 1893 -
April 5, 1893
(C) Jessie A. Daughter of M.E. & Margaret Carpenter August 7, 1891 -
January 1, 1892
(d)
(e) In Memory of Martha Knots Died May 8, 1887
(f) In Memory of H. H. Knots Was Borned August 15, 1840 and died February
the 23, 1897
(g)
(H) Verdy V. Daughter of J.E. & M.E. Thomas June 30, 1881 - September 25,
1881 Asleep in Jesus
(I) Pleasant E. Son of J.E. & M.E. Thomas January 4, 1891 - March 22, 1892
Asleep in Jesus
(j)
(k)
(L) Edmond Leandons Harrington September 21, 1875 - July 13, 1892
Weep not, father and mother, for me, For I am waiting in glory for thee.

- ROW 3 (a)
 (b)
 (c)
 (d) L. Thomas was born November 9, and died August 16, 1892
 (E) Annie daughter of J.H. & E.J. Thomas November 25, 1881 - August 20, 1892
 She was the sunshine of our home
 (f) E. A. Thomas was born Nov. the 25, 1881 Died Augst the 11, 1849 (89?)
 (g) J. W. Thomas Died October 27, 1841
 (H) (small standing rectangle with carving on 3 sides)
 James W. Son of J.H. & E.J. Thomas February 27, 1888 - August 12, 1892
 Lelar Daughter of J.H. & E.J. Thomas July 10, 1886 - July 22, 1886
 Letcher Son of J.H. & E.J. Thomas July 10, 1886
 (i) Letho Mas Died July 24, 188
 (J) Sarah Hatcher wife of Pleasant Horn September 1, 1827 - March 8, 1907
 (K) Frances A. Daughter of A. E. Siogner Born April 28, 1881 Died Septem-
 ber 23, 1886
 (L) KIKER Ann Eliza Horne Kiker March 4, 1854 - September 23, 1937
 (m)
 (n)
 (O) (Sideways diamond with lamb atop)
 Infant Daughter of James W. & M. E. Kiker July 20, 1890
 Infant Son of James W. & M. E. Kiker November 15, 1888
 (p)
- ROW 4 (A) Mittie Cleo Preslar October 22, 1896 - May 16, 1972
 (B) PRESLAR Sarah E. November 30, 1873 - March 23, 1946
 William W. August 1, 1866 - December 27, 1948
 Gone but not forgotten
 (c) In Memory of Susan A. Preslar Born November 15, 1834 Died January 5th,
 1903
 (d)
 (e)
 (f)
 (g)
 (h) badly eroded, carving illegible
 (i)
 (J) Grover Lee Son of J.R. & M.A. Beachum February 10, 1890 - March 25, 1890
 (K) BEACHUM Martin L. May 25, 1890 - May 5, 1891 Gone to a better land.
 Ila B. August 14, 1894 - November 25, 1894 Blessed are the
 early dead.
 Children of H. W. & R. B. Beachum
 (L) Bessie Lou Beachum 1899 - 1958
 (M) BEACHUM Hugh Wilson Beachum June 16, 1870 - April 17, 1940
 His Wife Regina Belle Simmons April 14, 1865 - December 22,
 1946
- ROW 5 (a)
 (b) these are probably the graves mentioned in the text of infant girls
 (c)
 (D) First Grave Here Theresa C. Tucker July 7, 1870 - September 3, 1883
 erected by the church 1929. Wooden building replaces the latticed one
 over her grave and original stones.
 (E) Infant daughter of C. C. & S. E. Tucker 1888
 (F) Cilford little son of C.C. & S.E. Tucker May 28, 1892 - August 8, 1895
 (G) BOWERS John W. Bowers February 27, 1848 - August 3, 1884
 his wife Matilda Hornbeck March 20, 1840 - October 3, 1911

- ROW 7 (k)
- (L) KIKER Corabell wife of John W. Kiker
 - (M) KIKER F. L. Sheppard wife of J. W. Kiker May 18, 1868 - August 23, 1894
a tender mother and a good friend
 - (N) George D. Sheppard February 18, 1870 - July 3, 1894
erected by Brady Sheppard Age 12 years
 - (O) Nancy Sheppard Born 1805 September 30, 1896
 - (P) (homemade concrete arch on brick base)
Sun and Daughter of J D Shepheard and wife
I. C. Shepheard Born July 13, 1898 Died July 14, 1898
G. A. Shepheard Born August 23, 1903 Died August 24, 2903
SPACE
 - (Q) (Bronze with Jewish Star)
Jessie Tero Floyd North Carolina Lieutenant US Navy World War II
January 1, 1900 - October 8, 1956
 - (r) a stone immediately beside (Q)
concrete corner stab marked with S
 - (s)
 - (T) SHEPPARD Glennie S. Helms October 18, 1897 - May 14, 1975
Hallie Davis wife of Zeb. V. Sheppard February 1, 1881 -
January 13, 1949
Zeb Vance Sheppard March 16, 1877 - November 1, 1959
 - (U) Infant Son of T. W. & Lillar Taylor June 23, 1925 AT REST
 - (V) Elsie Helms January 26, 1931 - June 14, 1931
 - (W) MULLIS Lewis Mullis February 27, 1909 - April 12, 1944
His Mother Cleo Mullis April 18, 1892 - July 9, 1960
Cleo Mullis Faulkner Gone but not forgotten

ROAD

- ROW 8 stab 185
square marked S
- (A) Infant Sons of Melvin and Dorothy Smith May 14, 1956
December 8, 1954
June 7, 1950
SPACE
 - (B) PRESLAR Markus E. Jr. son of MR. & Mrs. M.E. Preslar November 15,
15, 1940 - May 29, 1948
Markus E. Preslar January 3, 1898 - April 7, 1968
Pearl T. Preslar November 28, 1904 - March 31, 1980
SPACE
- stab 173
stab 172
- (c) In Memory of George M. Tucker Was Borne March 2, 1901 And Died
June the 18, 1901
 - (d)
 - (E) Matthew Oscar Thomas Born March 3, 1869 Died December 10, 1899
Beloved one, farewell.
 - (F) Howard T. son of E. N. & M. E. Carter Born 1908 Died 1908
 - (G) Our Brother W. T. Tucker April 3, 1838 Died July 18, 1900
 - (H) Wm (William) Paul, Son of J. T. & Lora Little Born September 8, 1897
Died October 24, 1897

- ROW 8 (I) Lora Tucker, wife of John T. Little Born December 16, 1871 Died
October 16, 1897 Gone but not forgotten
- (J) Martha Tucker, wife of George Tucker Born December __, 1828
Died June 25, 1918 GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
- (k) In loving memory of our infant daughter was born AU (August) 28-1898
and died 28 1898 BFT
- (L) TUCKER B. F. Tucker April 6, 1858 - July 14, 1950
his wife Cora Tucker October 6, 1870 - April 18, 1958
- (M) SHEPPARD J. Van 1891 - 1909 George Cecil 1894 - 1894
Son of Martin and Florence Sheppard
- (N) Susie Gray Sheppard January 9, 1938 - January 10, 1938
Lillie Rae Sheppard January 9, 1938 - April 13, 1938
Daughters of Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Sheppard
- (O) Alexander son of Z. V. & Hallie Sheppard December 18, 1900 - January
24, 1901 Baby
- (P) F. E. Beachum wife of J. T. Sheppard January 15, 1836 - November 28, 1909
Here is one who is sleeping in faith and love, With hope that is
treasured in heaven above.
- rectanglar stabs in front of (marked with S)
- (Q) James T. Sheppard Co. F 49 N.C. INF. C.S.A.
- (R) Brady Junior Sheppard March 26, 1928 - December 29, 1928
Dorothy Angel Sheppard August 21, 1930 - January 13, 1931
Son and Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Sheppard
- (S) SHEPPARD Martin I. 1865 - 1913 M. Florence 1865 - 1914
- (T) Audrey Florence Sheppard November 20, 1926 - January 8, 1927
- (U) Sheppard
- (V) Infant Son of Mt. & Mrs. Geo. (George) Birmingham October 14, 1928
SPACE (5)

ROAD

- ROW 9 (A) KIKER Sara T. February 9, 1872 - January 22, 1958
Robert L. April 16, 1874 - February 7, 1954
- (B) JOHNSON Maude Beachum August 22, 1920 -
Boyce Hugh January 1, 1919 - April 28, 1973
- (C) BEACHUM Husband Bennie Joel Beachum April 12, 1913 - December 3, 1953
Wife Lillie Mae Edwards April 1. 1904 - September 21, 1987
we will meet again
- (D) Roger Paul Beachum October 7, 1961 - October 10, 1961
Son of Hoyle and Gladys B. Beachum
- (E) Isebell Lee Beachum May 21, 1947 - January 7, 1948
Daughter of Hoyle and Gladys B. Beachum
- (F) KIKER Husband Ira Tero Kiker September 8, 1891 - February 25, 1960
Wife Maude Irene Kiker July 29, 1894 - September 23, 1977
- (G) Julian Michael Carelock son of MR. & Mrs. Julian Carelock
March 6, 1942 - May 10, 1943
- (H) Edward Earl Carpenter 1907 - 1954
- (I) CARPENTER George W. June 10, 1868 - June 1, 1942
Hattie Caudle January 13, 1878 - December 19, 1952
- (J) Essie Tucker Coley October 14, 1883 - December 23, 1907
- (k)
- (L) Charles E. Tucker Born October 17, 1841 Died February 22, 1906
- (M) MOTHER Louisa Catherine wife of C. E. Tucker December 29, 1849 -
July 5, 1929
- SPACE
- (n) In Memory of Noah R. Preslar Son of W.W. and S.E. Preslar Born March
the 4th, 1903. Died March the 1st 1920. (footstone - N.R.P.)

ROW 9 (o)
 (p)
 (Q) 'In heaven there is an angel now'
 Odell daughter of L.W. & Jennie Kiker October 8, 1905 - November 13, 1906
 (R) Levi W. Kiker January 7, 1879 - March 24, 1919 Gone but not forgotten
 (S) Jennie Thomas wife of L.W. Kiker February 17, 1876 - April 24, 1919
 We will meet again.
 (T) BOWERS Nancy K. June 28, 1877 - September 7, 1988
 G. Wiley January 28, 1871 - December 1, 1956
 (U) Infant daughter of G.C. & S.E. Tucker 1902
 (V) TUCKER Doris T. January 3, 1928 -
 Married December 20, 1942
 Willie F. January 17, 1925 -
 (W) TUCKER G. Calvin January 7, 1863 - April 9, 1940
 His wife Sarah E. Mitchum March 7, 1871 - June 9, 1919
 In my fathers house are many mansions
 (X) Chrishiana Elizabeth daughter of J.F. & P.E. Tucker December 6, 1915
 SPACE
 (Y) Alvy son of J.F. & P.E. Tucker October 7, 1914 - November 10, 1914
 (Z) TUCKER Mother Permeilia E. August 22, 1886 - April 26, 1971
 Father Jodie F. March 18, 1894 - May 19, 1977
 (AA) Rose E. Sheppard November 21, 1903 - July 26, 1943
 (BB) BOWERS (Footstone-Johnny E. Bowers, Jr. December 6, 1948 - January
 "Darling we miss thee." 14, 1953
 (CC) Loved by All Ollie Jane Bowers September 10, 1904 - December 2, 1985
 (DD) Remembered by All Annie M. Carpenter March 30, 1906 - July 24, 1986
 (EE) GRIFFIN William M. Son of Mr. & Mrs. William Griffin
 Born September 7, 1893 Died February 16, 1940 Weep not he is at rest.
 (FF) TAYLOR Wife Rosa Mae Kiker June 16, 1903 -
 Husband Martin Luther December 23, 1904 - March 16, 1957
 Death is another life

ROAD

ROW 10 H. H. TARLTON Family Plot
 (A) Ned Frye Tarlton April 6, 1929 - May 3, 1960
 (Ned Frye Tarlton North Carolina PFC 516 CARCOTC)
 space
 (B) TARLTON Harvey Hollis March 7, 1884 - March 6, 1964
 Medley Sikes April 26, 1887 - December 27, 1962
 space (2)
 (C) Billy Reece son of Mr. & Mrs. David Taylor January 11, 1948 - February
 18, 1948
 Space (2)
 (D) TAYLOR his wife Lillar R. Preslar November 12, 1884 - January 18, 1953
 Tommie Wilson Taylor July 4, 1880 - February 20, 1950
 "Absent in body, but present in Spirit"
 (E) Mary Ann Wife of J. M. Taylor July 10, 1862 - December 14, 1947
 (F) Jack Taylor April 3, 1860 - February 6, 1935 Gone, but not forgotten
 (G) Shirley Ann Daughter of L.G. & Sarah Beachum March 4, 1942 - April 5, 1943
 SPACE
 (H) TAYLOR Jennie S. May 22, 1900 - December 6, 1978
 H. Foster June 8, 1889 - September 8, 1965
 Asleep in Jesus
 SPACE (2)

ROW 10 (I) THOMAS Eliza Jane November 5, 1857 - May 27, 1938
 John Hoke June 8, 1889 - July 26, 1926
 SPACE (4)
 (J) Infant son of J.B. & Pauline Burgess May 19, 1924
 SPACE (2)
 (k) Minnie Farmer
 (L) BAKER John Baker Age 77 years
 His Wife Melvine Horne October 10, 1862 - December 29, 1938
 Gone but not forgotten
 (m) (overcarved S C R C P V. A Thomas was born June 30, 1881
 W I L L I A M S) and died September 21, 1881
 (n)
 (o)
 SPACE (3)
 (P) CAUDLE J. C. Caudle May 2, 1840 - April 12, 1923
 His Wife Harriet J. Bowers December 22, 1852 - February 25, 1920
 (standing footstone - John C. Caudle Co. K 43 N.C. INF. C.S.A.)
 (Q) BOWERS Wiley Bowers October 9, 1822 - November 17, 1909.
 Mary O'Neal wife of Wiley Bowers January 1826 - August 1905
 SPACE
 (R) CAUDLE William H. Caudle August 9, 1841 - May 27, 1913
 his wife Eliza Ellen Bowers July 4, 1854 - April 28, 1928
 No pains, no griefs no anxious fears can reach our loved ones sleeping
 here.
 (S) GRIFFIN Brady Lee son of W.G. & Mary C. Griffin January 1, 1901 -
 Age 15 years & 22 days February 5, 1916
 (Poem on back) ' Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
 Like a swift fleeting meteor, a fast flying cloud,
 A flash of the lightning, a brake of the wave,
 He passeth from life to his rest in the grave.
 "the leaves of the oak and the willow shall fade,
 Be scattered around and together be laid,
 And the young and the old, the low and the high,
 Shall moulder to dust, and together shall lie.
 (T) GRIFFIN William G. Griffin February 6, 1872 - September 4, 1928
 his wife Mary O. Caudle May 5, 1871 - March 22, 1957
 SPACE
 (U) Conley M. Son of J.F. & A.L. Bowers July 29, 1903 - February 22, 1920
 (V) Carolyn A. Bowers May 5, 1938 - June 24, 1939 "Darling We Miss Thee"
 (W) BOWERS J. F. January 7, 1874 - September 12, 1942 He is not dead
 but sleepeth.
 Annie C. Wife December 3, 1879 - February 17, 1968 Asleep In
 Jesus
 (X) GRIFFIN John T. April 16, 1891 - March 21, 1957
 Emma T. May 22, 1896 - September 20, 1986

ROAD

ROW 11 (A) BRASWELL Colin M. July 6, 1931 -
 Lonnie E. November 19, 1927 -
 In behind the Tarlton plot
 (B) Infant son of J.T. & Ollie Helms November 12, 1951 - November 13, 1951
 (C) Larry Wayne son of J.T. & Ollie Helms February 3, 1953 - Febr. 28, 1953

ROW 11 (D) BRASWELL His Wife Mary Ella Taylor May 30, 1920 -
 Dee Roy Braswell April 26, 1916 - December 2, 1950
 Gone to a bright home, where grief cannot come.
 SPACE (2 double plots and stab 56)

(E) Infant daughter of D.V. & Lyda Lee Sikes February 13, 1937

(F) Infant Son of H.E. & A.T. Smith January 24, 1936

(G) George Taylor Son of Mr. & Mrs. Foster Taylor July 5, 1931 -
 August 31, 1932

(H) Theodore Taylor Son of Mr. & Mrs. Foster Taylor April 4, 1938 -
 May 3, 1938

(I) Tommie Taylor Son of Mr. & Mrs. Foster Taylor February 13, 1943 -
 May 6, 1943

(J) Bobby Wayne Son of Mr. & Mrs. Foster Taylor October 27, 1945
 SPACE

(K) Charlie T. Preslar February 25, 1890 - November 2, 1965

(L) Jessie W. Preslar August 10, 1888 - October 17, 1973 Gone but not
 forgotten

(M) William David Farmer North Carolina SN USNR World War II
 October 24, 1922 - September 3, 1961

(N) Bobby Joe Son of Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Farmer December 11, 1942 - January
 2, 1946

(O) FARMER Samuel A. Farmer September 17, 1880 - September 21, 1942
 His wife Fronia Mae Preslar November 24, 1886 - April 26, 1941
 Absent in body, but present in Spirit
 SPACE

(P) Bruce Blair Son of Mr. & Mrs. S.W. Burgess October 1939
 SPACE

(Q) W. Larry Preslar March 17, 1945 - July 3, 1976 He walks with God.
 SPACE (a child of Merritt E. Floyd buried here?)

(R) KIKER F. Wade 1900 - Ethel V. McCollum 1901 - 1955

(S) McCOLLUM Mother Alice Glennadora McCollum August 2, 1875 - April 25, 1924
 Father Joseph Walker McCollum June 30, 1867 - August 15, 1951
 SPACE

(T) HAYS Henry H. Hays July 1, 1855 - January 16, 1940
 His wife Genia Bowers May 22, 1859 - October 28, 1921
 SPACE (3)

(U) BEACHUM Daniel R. Beachum April 25, 1847 - May 13, 1923
 His wife Annie E. Simmons April 25, 1857 -

(V) Ray Thomas Son of Mr. & Mrs. T.V. Carpenter March 5, 1922 - August
 18, 1928

(W) James Harris Son of Mr. & Mrs. T.V. Carpenter November 18, 1923 -
 June 3, 1925

(X) CARPENTER H. Mercedes April 17, 1897 - October 8, 1972
 T. Vernon December 18, 1890 - October 5, 1963

(Y) TUCKER Walter Berry December 25, 1895 - April 10, 1977
 Ella Beachum January 18, 1896 - March 17, 1979

(Z) TUCKER Father Scott February 26, 1865 - May 10, 1932 (W.S.T.)
 Mother Hattie A. August 14, 1873 - February 16, 1943 (H.A.T.)

(AA) KIKER Jas. (James) W. March 6, 1853 - June 23, 1925
 His Wife Mary Emma January 7, 1848 - March 31, 1927

(BB) HOLMAN Fitzhugh L. March 5, 1898 - September 2, 1946
 Faye Caudle June 27, 1908 - November 4, 1989
 (Fitzhugh L. Holman Texas M.SGT. US Army World War II)

ROAD

ROW 12 (A) BRASWELL Ida Taylor June 29, 1886 - September 10, 1969
 Stacy M. June 2, 1884 - November 15, 1957
 Our Children J.T., Francis, Betty, Emma, Hampton, Clayton
 Elizabeth, Julia, Edna, Louise, Frannie R., Lonnie
 (B) Emma Braswell Tyson October 8, 1911
 (C) C. Rae Braswell April 21, 1918
 (D) BRASWELL Joseph Henry Braswell October 4, 1880 - June 30, 1932
 his wife Ann Kiker June 9, 1880 - December 20, 1963
 Absent, Not Dead

corner stab marked with P

(F) THOMAS Wilma Taylor August 20, 1913 - July 23, 1990
Carl William April 8, 1911 -

(H) COX Lily T. - August 28, 1927

(I) THOMAS J. Stacy February 26, 1885 - November 18, 1956

(J) Daughter Mary R. Stokes June 10, 1878 - March 11, 1941

(M) At Rest To Our Son Private Lonnie J. son of Jas. E. & M. E. Thomas
November 4, 1895 - September 29, 1918

John J. Pershing
Commander-in-Chief

(N) Infant Son of J.S. and M.A. Thomas April 16, 1926 Asleep in Jesus

(P) Mother Mittie, wife of E.D. Preslar March 12, 1863 - January 19, 1908

(r) carved, badly eroded & illegible

Mother Belle H. Floyd October 26, 1890 - April 9, 1927

Father Merritt E. Floyd April 18, 1870 - April 25, 1946

Mother Lydia Ann K. Floyd September 21, 1875 - February 22, 1906

SPACE (contains at least one unmarked grave)

SPACE

(U) Osburn L. Son of W.B. Tucker & wife May 31, 1919 - February 18, 1920

ROW 12 (V) Mary I. Beachum Daughter of A.F. & R.F. Beachum April 20, 1897 -
December 16, 1911

Faithful to her trust Even unto death.

(W) BEACHUM Atlas F. Beachum March 28, 1873 - May 29, 1933
his wife Fannie R. Davis April 13, 1874 - December 29, 1942

(X) KIKER William Frank Kiker March 23, 1865 - April 17, 1953
his wife Ella Mary Frances Bowers January 14, 1869 - October
22, 1943 Age 74 years.

(Y) Louise, wife of E.S. Kiker August 15. 1846 - August 9, 1927
Mother, we miss thee.

(Z) E. S. Kiker August 29, 1848 - December 3, 1923 Father, we miss thee.

(AA) KIKER John W. June 18, 1872 - February 23, 1920
Rosanna M. April 15, 1869 - November 27, 1948
Father and Mother we miss you so.

SPACE

(BB) Georgia L. Kiker July 1, 1895 - May 23, 1958

ROAD

KIKER-DAVIS-STATON PLOT

1a Viola Ann Kiker June 9, 1892 - May 9, 1983

1b Joanna Davis Kiker October 16, 1864 - May 26, 1957
John W.(Wesley) Kiker January 1, 1860 - April 12, 1945

1c Lydia A. daughter of L.J. & R.A. Kiker
Born July 22, 1862 Died November 5, 1862

1d William A. son of L.J. & R.A. Kiker
Born January 13, 1858 Died September 3, 1858

(E) Father (footstone-L.J.K.)

(F) Mother (footstone-R.H.K.)

(G) Vinnie Hatcher Born November 6, 1804 Married William Tye 1824
Died March 10, 1896

Lavinia Hatcher Tye Sister of Roxanna H. Kiker

(Four-sided Obelisk between the rows behing (E) & (F)

(side 1 towards (E)

L. J. Kiker March 8, 1838 - June 7, 1915

Son John Wesley Kiker and wife Joanna Davis Kiker

Their Daughter Viola Ann Kiker

(side 2 towards (F)

Roxanna Hatcher Wife of L.J. Kiker Born February 28, 1822

Married February 10, 1856 Died September 12, 1905

Willie and Lydia are buried in graveyard on farm.

2(A) Mother Emeline Staton (footstone-E.S.D.)

wife of J.E. Davis November 20, 1834 - April 11, 1921

(b) Parents of Joanna Davis Kiker

(C) John E. Davis (Footstone-J.E.D.)

Born January 16, 1831 Died February 1, 1878

(D) Elizabeth B. Staton Died September 6, 1837 Aged 23 years

First wife of Uriah Staton, Mother of Emeline Staton Davis

(E) Father (footstone-Ray)

(F) Mother (footstone-Dora)

(G) Baby (blank footstone)

(H) Baby (footstone-I)

(obelisk side toward 2(E) & (F)

J. R. Kiker May 24, 1889 - February 4, 1964

his wife Dora Simmons February 3, 1891 - June 4, 1960

(side towards 2(G) & (H)

Baby Sons of J.R. & Dora Kiker February, 1915. October 31, 1918

- ROW 13 (A) BOWERS Ruth Garriss July 20, 1908 - August 25, 1984
F. Ernest March 30, 1902 - January 31, 1975
Together Forever
- (B) KIKER Calvin Frank Kiker August 29, 1905 - May 13, 1966
Pearl Thomas Kiker Decmber 6, 1903 -
We'll never say goodbye in heaven.
- (C) CAUDLE Orene T. (Mother) 1911 -
Luther C. 1907 - 1967
(Luther C. Caudle North Carolina WT3 USNR World War II
January 12, 1907 - January 2, 1967)
- (D) At Rest Bobby Joe Caudle (Son) September 14, 1961 - November 6, 1978
- (E) John Wiley Caudle, Jr. (Son) October 26, 1956 - July 3, 1990
SPACE
- (F) HYATT Peggy C. (Mother) September 9, 1932 -
John M. Sr. April 10, 1929 - January 27, 1981
(John M. Hyatt S.SGT US Army Korea)
Several SPACES
- (G) Infant Son of H.F. & Ada Taylor July 25, 1931 - July 31, 1931
A little bud of love to bloom with God above
Several SPACES
- (H) BURGESS (crossed Rifles within a sheild)
S/SGT. Grover C. Burgess Serial No. 34 306 246
Co. G 323 Infantry Division World War II
Killed in Action on Peleliu (in the Palaus Islands) Island
February 2, 1920 - November 2, 1944
Age 23 years, 9 months.
- (I) Mary Isabelle Burgess Williams July 27, 1934 - June 13, 1961
A Dear Mother and Sister
- (J) Stanly W. Burgess June 9, 1893 - August 13, 1951
- (K) Gracie Ann Preslar wife of Stanly W. Burgess April 29, 1897 -
October 11, 1940
- (L) Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S.W. Burgess October 9, 1940
- (M) Infant Son of Mr. & Mrs. S.W. Burgess July 3, 1931
(n)
(o)
- (P) KIKER Martin Edmund Kiker April 4, 1891 - June 26, 1960
his wife Rettie J. Nance January 7, 1894 - April 28, 1954
Not Our Will But Thine Be Done
SPACE
- STATON-DAVIS-KIKER PLOT
SPACE
- (Q) THOMAS Joe Thomas November 30, 1883 - March 17, 1934 (Father)
His Wife Ava R. Kelly April 29, 1886 - March 30, 1935 (Mother)
(sister) goes with Joe & Ava Thomas?
(brother)
- (R) Marlene Carelock Born May 11, 1933 Died May 22, 1953
- (S) Mary Louise June 26, 1917 - July 28, 1918
Daughter of A.W. Kiker & Wife Sweetly Sleeping
- (T) KIKER His Wife Luegener Preslar September 23, 1884 - December 4, 1968
A. Woodbury Kiker October 27, 1883 - November 2, 1949
We will meet again
- (U) Ruby Dean Smith (R.D.S.) Marker inset with colour photo.
May 1, 1932 - May 14, 1948 "Tho' lost to Sight To Memory Dear."

ROW 13 (V) SMITH Bessie L. Thomas 1886 - 1926
Married January 11, 1903
James C. 1882 - 1967

SPACE

(W) Artha Ray Smith May 29, 1909 - September 25, 1952
Married Flossie Mae Taylor January 8, 1927

SPACE

(X) Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Smith February 25, 1928 - February 27, 1928
semi-dressed granite block

ROAD

ROW 14 (A) HARWOOD In My Father's House Are Many Mansions
Elder Robert Rankin February 20, 1912 - June 3, 1970
Married August 3, 1933
Jennie Mae Polk May 13, 1909 - February 29, 1976
(B) POLK James T. Polk August 29, 1864 - September 12, 1931
His Wife Sophronia E. Kiker December 12, 1867 - March 16, 1937
SPACE
(C) BOWERS M. Albert December 15, 1903 -
Fannie Lee T. May 18, 1908 -
(D) BOWERS Ellar Faulkner December 6, 1886 - September 17, 1974
Millard T. January 13, 1880 - December 24, 1950
SPACE (5)
(E) Kathryn A. Infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G.W. Bowers March 8, 1949
(F) KIKER Nora Curran (mother) May 22, 1898 -
John Brady (Father) May 25, 1898 - January 11, 1980
(G) John Mason Son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Brady Kiker January 12, 1931 -
Darling We Miss Thee July 9, 1942
(H) KIKER Alma Lee Kiker July 4, 1913 - December 22, 1975
(I) KIKER The Christians Good Night
Moses M. November 15, 1883 - February 24, 1966
Gracie K. (Mother) October 31, 1889 - January 21, 1977
(J) WOODARD Mary Kiker (Mother) March 9, 1899 - October 1, 1972
Fred Randolph (Father) December 25, 1901 - October 26, 1939
(K) HUNEYCUTT Jesus Called Mama Home
Lula Mae Woodard (Mother) May 23, 1931 - February 2, 1991
SPACE
(L) Dorthy May Preslar August 3, 1922 - March 3, 1925
(M) PRESLAR Paul E. Preslar June 2, 1893 - March 23, 1980 (Father)

SPACE

(N) Mary L. Austin Wife of U.A. Davis June 15, 1864 - February 2, 1940
Mother, We Miss Thee
(O) Uriah Alexander Davis June 25, 1856 - January 19, 1910 Father, we
miss thee.

SPACE

(P) DAVIS Cannie Staton Davis October 29, 1870 - July 12, 1933
(Q) Roland Son of Baxter & Lottie Kiker March 24, 1946 - April 29, 1950
Darling we miss thee (R.B.K.)

SPACE

stab marked with K

(R) Ruth Daughter of H.T. & A.A. Bowers March 10, 1909 - April 20, 1912
Borne by angel's hands away To a home of peace and love
(S) BOWERS H. Tylar Bowers 1884 - 1935
Alice Kelly Bowers 1887 - 1978

SPACE

ROW 14 (T) Infant Son of Jno (John) D. & M.L. Taylor May 31, 1906
Gone to be an angel

SPACE

(U) Infant Daughter of G.W. & E.B. Sills April 26, 1944

(V) Henry M. Son of H.B. & Irana Walters June 30, 1912 - June 9, 1914
Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

(W) Ruby B. Daughter of H.B. & Irana Walters June 13, 1908 - June 17, 1908
Mother's sweet flower blossoms in the dew of heaven.

(X) Edward Dwight Son of H.B. & Irana Walters May 17, 1924 - September
24, 1941

(Y) WALTERS Wife Irana Stacy Williams March 4, 1887 - February 8, 1962
Husband Henry Burg Walters April 30, 1885 - November 5, 1956
(Woodmen of the World memorial)

(Z) Jennie Sue Kirk May 31, 1948 - June 1, 1948

(AA) (Tree Trunk pillar atop stacked logs Woodmen of the World memorial)
Riley H. Kiker July 30, 1886 - August 12, 1918
Maggie Kelly (Kiker) January 18, 1874 - June 8, 1963

SPACE

(BB) Johnny Faulkner Son of Mr. & Mrs. S.A. Faulkner July 24, 1927 -
July 25, 1927

(CC) TAYLOR Gladys Floyd (Mother) January 24, 1943 -
Bobby Roger (Father) March 19, 1943 - December 12, 1988
Our Daughters Michelle, Kristie, Tanya

(DD) Infant Daughter of Brinkman & Gladys Taylor September 8, 1941 (I.T.)
Asleep in Jesus

(EE) TAYLOR C. Brinkman (Father) May 6, 1913 -
Gladys Kiker (Mother) June 8, 1915 - January 3, 1985

ROAD

ROW 15 (A) FLOYD Maude T. (Mother) January 16, 1918 - September 1, 1988
Clyde B. (Father) May 15, 1915 -
Our Children Grady, Gladys, Dwight, Polly

(B) Our Darling Lindsey Grady Born & Died February 21, 1939
Son of Clyde & Maude Floyd Our little one is living in our hearts.

SPACE

(C) Allie Maness Floyd April 30, 1915 - July 9, 1935

SPACE

(No stone) William Boyce Floyd 1923 - 1983
(irregularity in lines)

(D) Colen L. Beachum May 15, 1899 - April 13, 1972 Resting in Peace

(E) BEACHUM Lottie Edwards January 13, 1911 -
Married December 7, 1929

Wilson Barrett (Father) June 10, 1910 - January 25, 1970

(F) BEACHUM (Inset with black & white photos)

Peggy E. June 19, 1935 - (Peggy)

Jerry E. October 2, 1932 - March 14, 1955

SPACE

(G) BOWERS Joseph C. January 20, 1889 - December 21, 1945

Lougenia Maness (L.B.) November 5, 1887 - February 22, 1979
The rose may fade, the lily die, but the flowers immortal
bloom on high.

SPACE

(H) Kenneth H. Thorington Michigan TEC 4 Quartermaster Corps
World War II August 22, 1916 - July 14, 1970

SPACE (3 graves worth)

ROW 15 (I) SIKES (ALL below on headstone in Old English lettering)
James Marion Sikes August 9, 1922 - February 16, 1976
married to Rowenna Haywood November 22, 1952
What we keep in memorie is ours unchanged forever.
(James M. Sikes PVT US Army World War II)

SPACE

(J) SIKES (Mother)
C. Bruce Sikes March 8, 1914 - November 28, 1970
"In Loving Memory"

SPACE (3 graves)

(K) TUCKER Martin A. Tucker (Father) September 26, 1880 - July 12, 1961
Jennie Sikes Tucker (Mother) February 19, 1881 - January 21, 1957

(L) McSWAIN Hazel May 29, 1911 - October 21, 1991
Claude February 9, 1908 - May 6, 1987
Married 56 years

SPACE

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(M) HAYS Henry Clayton Hays August 28, 1890 - May 4, 1928

(n) (rounded and dressed rock) H C H

(O) HORNE J. Roland (Father) April 23, 1890 - February 21, 1967
Belle B. (Mother) February 18, 1899 - January 29, 1987

(P) James Roland Son of R.R. & M.B. Horne February 21, 1919 - June 26, 1923
In heaven there is one angel more

SPACE

(Q) Asleep in Jesus Daphne Lee Kearney daughter of Edward & Mary Kearney
January 7, 1946 - March 9, 1953 Darling We Miss Thee

(R) Ellis F. Son of J.W. & V. Bowers November 8, 1911 - May 6, 1912

(S) Infant son of J.W. & V. Bowers December 27, 1927

(T) BOWERS Virdie Marshall (V.M.B.) January 23, 1892 - April 8, 1973
James Wiley (J.W.B.) December 5, 1885 - June 4, 1944

(U) NANCE (broken but no other carving upon the slab)

SPACE (Approximately 9 graves)

(V) TAYLOR Lester F. July 17, 1900 - November 6, 1976
Penelophia March 14, 1891 - August 24, 1965
Asleep in Jesus

SPACE (5 graves worth)

ROAD

ROW 16 (Buried block which marks cemetery limit towards State Road # 1002)

SPACE (2)

(A) FLOYD Lizzie Kate Floyd (F) May 15, 1905 - January 19, 1985

(B) FLOYD Richard Floyd (Father) May 10, 1878 - October 29, 1955
his wife Mary Kiker (Mother) August 31, 1877 - October 25, 1951
Gone, But Not Forgotten.

(C) TAYLOR J. Daniel Taylor March 17, 1882 - May 18, 1955
his wife Beulah M. Kiker March 3, 1887 - October 25, 1951
Gone, But Not Forgotten.

SPACE (2)

(D) Funeral Home Marker plate (empty)

SPACE (4 graves worth)

ROW 16 stab marked with H

(E) HORNBACK William Filas September 25, 1911 - October 23, 1985
 Mattie B. July 3, 1913 - April 29, 1980

(F) Mitchel T. Son of W.F. & Mattie Hornback November 24, 1942 -
 November 25, 1942

(G) Elsie Mae Daughter of W.F. & Mattie Hornback October 26, 1931 -
 March 16, 1932

(H) Shelba Ann Bowers 1941 - 1941
 stab marked with H

(I) TAYLOR Myrtle M. Taylor November 27, 1937 - May 10, 1949 (M.M.T.)
 Her Sister Eula E. Taylor August 30, 1923 - February 29, 1924

(J) TAYLOR Lattie S. (Mother) March 28, 1899 - April 1, 1980
 Clayton J. (Father) June 5, 1891 - September 26, 1965
 (Clayton John Taylor North Carolina PVT Co. L 156 Depot Brigade
 World War I)

(K) Infant Son of L.M. & Audrey Beachum September 26, 1926

(L) Luther Roy Son of L.M. & Audrey Beachum December 25, 1919 - March 28,
 1920

(M) BEECHUM Zachary Taylor June 8, 1864 - April 28, 1926

(N) At Rest Mary Bowers wife of J.R. Beachum April 1, 1864 - May 29, 1918
 Always faithful to her church

(O) At Rest John R. Beachum April 24, 1857 - April 1, 1940
 Always faithful to his church

(P) TAYLOR William W. Taylor August 25, 1840 - February 14, 1917

(Q) William W. Taylor Co. K 43 N.C. INF. C.S.A.

(R) TAYLOR Sophrona Ellen wife of W.W. Taylor May 19, 1848 - September
 7, 1935

(S) J. M. Bowers son of C.W. & N.J. Bowers January 12, 1896 - October
 Twas hard to give thee up But Thy will O God be done. 6, 1919

(T) Infant Son of C.W. & N.J. Bowers Born & Died May 6, 1910
 Asleep in Jesus' peaceful rest, Where waking is supremely blest

(U) Beulah Bowers May 6, 1920 - December 8, 1920

(v)

(W) Elizabeth S. High 1862 - 1934 Gone but not forgotten.

(X) Our Darling Baby Della F. Daughter of D.F. & M.T. High
 August 19, 1908 - May 15, 1911

(Y) HIGH Mary Taylor 1882 - 1921
 Darling F. 1881 - 1968

(Z) H. Furman Harrington April 30, 1885 - December 17, 1954 At Rest

(AA) Francis J. Kiker wife of E.T. Harrington February 11, 1855 -
 Asleep in Jesus October 17, 1922

(BB) E. T. Harrington March 20, 1843 - April 19, 1918 Asleep in Jesus

(CC) Jackson E. Harrington July 7, 1879 - December 7, 1958
 As you are now so once was I,
 As I am now soon you must be,
 Prepare for death and follow me.

(DD) Daniel Harrington October 16, 1882 - December 11, 1963 Gone but not
 forgotten.

(EE) Lillie Harrington March 16, 1897 - September 17, 1984
 Be thou not afraid for the Lord is near.

(FF) CARPENTER M. E. Carpenter June 13, 1866 - February 15, 1937
 His Wife Margaret E. Bowers May 19, 1871 - July 27, 1948
 (Mother)

(GG) BOWERS Jessie J. Tucker (Mother) 1900 - 1982
 Jesse A. Bowers (Father) 1898 - 1956

ROAD

ROW 17 (A) BAUCOM James T. Baucom June 23, 1894 - December 6, 1955 (Father)
His Wife Ella F. Taylor March 8, 1905 - (Mother)
SPACE (4)
(B) Hughes Taylor PFC US Army World War II July 15, 1925 - May 4, 1991
SPACE (9)
(C) WRIGHT In My Father's House Are Many Mansions
George P. January 13, 1913 - October 23, 1988 (Daddy)
Ada T. July 26, 1919 - (Mama)
Children Rebecca - Sybille Peggy - Faye Trutte - Phyllis
SPACE
SIKES-KIKER Plot spans two Rows:
Space (2)
1 (A) SIKES Elizabeth Grimsley June 20, 1916 -
Married December 19, 1953
John Hugh August 10, 1916 - December 25, 1985
In God's Care
(John Hugh Sikes SGT US Army World War II)
(B) Lock Doyle Son of Jno. M. & Cleone Sikes June 7, 1919 - February
Darling We Miss Thee 1920
(On back)-A little bud of love To blossom with God above.
(C) SIKES V. Cleone November 20, 1891 - May 12, 1952
John M. December 16, 1882 - October 13, 1957 (Father)
Space
(D) SIKES Mary Francis Horne July 30, 1858 - February 23, 1938
James A. Sikes December 15, 1856 - July 23, 1930
2 (A) SIKES Boyce Son of Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Sikes December 29, 1935 -
December 31, 1935
Joyce Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.C. Sikes January 11, 1936 -
April 8, 1938
(B) SIKES Thomas Clyde October 16, 1897 - October 16, 1982
Effie Rushing February 24, 1898 - April 14, 1980
Space (2)
(C) Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Kiker December 28, 1924
(on Back) First budded on earth To bloom in heaven
Space
(D) KIKER Gertrude Sikes April 26, 1901 - January 30, 1968 (G.S.K.)
Lonnie Fincher August 19, 1896 - September 17, 1988
His Steadfast Love Endures Forever
(L.F.K.)(Lonnie Fincher Kiker World War I Us Army)
SPACE
(E) CHARLEY Son of J.W. & L.V. Taylor June 25, 1908 - February 18, 1920
Gone, but not forgotten
(F) TAYLOR (Footstones contain the information)
Lou Vinnie Taylor wife of James W. Taylor August 26, 1882
- January 20, 1955
James W. Taylor May 10, 1873 - March 6, 1956
SPACE
(G) (Sideways diamond infant marker with lamb atop)
Cora E. Braswell January 31, 1918 - March 16, 1920
Edna Braswell April 6, 1922
SPACE
(H) Sophronia Braswell 1846 - 1928 Age 82 years.
Death is only a shadow Across the path to heaven
SPACE

- ROW 17 (I) Infant Son of J.F. & V.E. Lowder January 4, 1921
 (J) Eliza Lowder April 19, 1834 - August 18, 1919
 (K) J. E. Lowder December 13, 1862 - May 21, 1929
 (L) Joshua Franklin Lowder August 30, 1872 - March 2, 1941

At this point ROW 16 splits into two rows.

ROW 17A

- (m) Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. M.G. Thomas Born February 2, 1914
 (N) James M. Thomas Co. H 43 N.C. INF. C.S.A.
 (O) Empty funeral metal marker
 (P) SPACE (2)
 (Q) CAUDLE John W. Caudle January 14, 1886 - March 10, 1967
 His Wife Lucy Ann Kiker December 28, 1885 - May 5, 1944
 (Mother)
 (R) J. W. Jr. Son of J.W. & Ann Caudle October 5, 1918 - May 2, 1919
 Asleep in Jesus
 (S) Elvie B. Daughter of J.W. & Ann Caudle January 10, 1923 - December
 Budded on Earth to bloom in heaven. 30, 1925
 (T) Joe P. Son of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Caudle April 9, 1927 - November 6, 1927
 SPACE (5 graves worth)

ROAD

ROW 17B

- (M) Clarence U. Son of U.A. & E.J. Walters August 5, 1893 - April 24, 1914
 Asleep in Jesus
 (N) HUNEYCUTT Annie Harrington Huneycutt December 11, 1888 - April 20,
 (Mother) 1962
 William H. Huneycutt January 12, 1892 - October 12, 1978
 (Father)
 SPACE
 (O) Mitchel Lee Son of W.H. & Addie L. Huneycutt November 27, 1952-
 At Rest May 26, 1956
 (P) Ray A. Son of W.H. & L.A. Huneycutt January 9, 1914 - December 9, 1914
 (R) Linerd Son of W.H. & Annie Huneycutt April 11, 1918 - July 8, 1918
 (S) Infant Daughter of Eloise Huneycutt at Rest.
 (T) THOMAS Betty Sue (Daughter) June 23, 1934 - February 20, 1936
 Lee Jackson (Father) January 3, 1904 - April 20, 1964
 Maggie L. Allen (Mother) March 13, 1913 -
 (U) Graham Snyder Ross 1920 - 1922
 SPACE (4 graves worth)
 (V) BOWERS Bertha T. January 17, 1880 - June 24, 1924
 W. Riston September 6, 1877 - August 29, 1949
 (W) Infant Son of Lee & Nellie Bowers
 (X) Margaret Ann & Martin Allen Infants of Lee and Nellie Bowers

ROAD

- ROW 18 (A) Our Darling Louise Daughter of Frank & Alba Walters November 23, 1929
 - December 29, 1929

SPACE

- (B) TAYLOR Virginia Helms (Jennie) June 4, 1895 - June 27, 1980
 Samuel Jones (Sam) July 9, 1889 - October 21, 1965
 (Samuel J. Taylor North Carolina PVT Co. A 119 Infantry
 World War I)

- ROW 18 (C) William W. Son of S.J. & J. Taylor March 19, 1925 - October 8, 1929
Darling we miss thee.
- (D) TAYLOR In Memory of Stephen Alexander (Bose) November 7, 1878 -
April 12, 1962
- SPACE
- (e) stone fragment SEL -C Born Jan. 15 1849 Died Dec. 10-27
- SPACE
- (F) Ruth Carpenter wife of C.B. Taylor February 27, 1925 - June 1, 1942
Gone But Not Forgotten
- (G) TAYLOR Ceburn B. July 19, 1922 - June 6, 1988
Married August 18, 1946
Wynona H. June 5, 1923 -
- (H) Daughters of C.B. & Wynona Taylor
Wynona Renee October 30, 1959 - October 31, 1959
Susan Denise August 14, 1957 - September 12, 1957
- (I) Infant Son of C.B. & Wynona Taylor January 25, 1955 - January 26, 1955
- (J) Edgar Jackson Deese December 2, 1889 - April 4, 1927
- SPACE
- (K) TAYLOR Benjamin F. (Father) March 25, 1881 - December 26, 1967
Magnolia W. (Mother) April 9, 1883 - October 28, 1970
- (L) Infant Daughter of B.F. & Magnolia Taylor December 4, 1926
- HELMS PLOT
- (M) HELMS Henry M. Helms November 22, 1882 - December 21, 1970 (Father)
His Wife Martha F. Kiker Helms April 18, 1881 - July 14, 1954
(Mother)
- (N) Ruby Violet Helms April 23, 1919 - March 15, 1952 (R.V.H.)
- (O) K. Porter Helms March 28 - 29th, 1923 Gone to be an angel
- (P) TAYLOR Agnes Ferree (Mother) October 10, 1906 - March 20, 1986
Married November 24, 1927
Lewis Wilson (Father) June 8, 1906 - July 27, 1971
- (Q) Nadine E. Daughter of L.W. & Agnes Taylor January 27, 1929 -
Gone to be an angel January 30, 1929
- (R) Infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L.W. Taylor October 19, 1942.
- SPACE
- (S) At Rest James J. Son of J.C. & E.L. Taylor October 25, 1921 -
December 25, 1922
- (T) TAYLOR Emma A. Taylor October 8, 1879 - May 26, 1930
J. Crofford Taylor (Father) April 10, 1880 - April 27, 1932
Asleep in Jesus
- (U) Boyd D. Taylor (B.D.T.) February 18, 1907 - February 22, 1959
- SPACE (2 graves worth)
- (v) rounded and carved Born Apr. 19 1879 A Infant Boy of
buried - Mrs. & Mr. Daniel Taylor
- (W) HORNBEAK King Hornbeak January 19, 1860 - June 9, 1948
- (X) KIKER Lona Dorcas Kiker (L.D.K.) May 28, 1905 - May 20, 1984
- (Y) KIKER James Thomas Kiker May 8, 1869 - September 9, 1945 (Father)
His Wife Sarah Emeline Bowers November 4, 1871 - January 23,
(Mother) 1949
The faithful are sure of their reward.
- (Z) KIKER Clyde, Son of J.T. & S.E. Kiker October 7, 1900 - January
Oh for the touch of a vanished hand, 26, 1917
And the Sound of a voice that is stilled.
(on back) There is a bright region above, We long to reach its shore,
To join with the dear ones we love, Not lost, but gone before.

ROW 18 (AA) ADAMS Henrietta Thomas Adams November 25, 1878 - January 27, 1958
(H.T.A.)
(BB) TUCKER Henry F. Tucker September 11, 1892 - February 25, 1938
Ira A. Tucker March 26, 1896 - May 3, 1987 (I.A.T.)
(CC) FERREE Walter R. Ferree April 30, 1879 - December 19, 1952 (Father)
His Wife Clara E. Galloway October 7, 1880 - April 29, 1963
(Mother)
Tho' lost to sight, to memory dear.
(DD) THOMAS Matthew G. Thomas February 15, 1873 - June 11, 1955
his wife Louisa Harrington November 24, 1877 - December 9,
(Mother) 1965
Gone, But Not Forgotten
(EF) Jessie W. Thomas September 25, 1905 - August 17, 1971
Blessed are the merciful
(FF) Albert B. Thomas July 6, 1913 - July 3, 1990
(Albert B. Thomas CPL US Army World War II)

ROAD

ROW 19 (A) TAYLOR Audrey T. (Mother) November 9, 1923 -
William B. (Father) July 15, 1917 - June 3, 1990
stab 164
(B) Raelle Gray Infant Son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Boyce Taylor
January 25, 1945 - July 14, 1945
(C) CARPENTER George L. (Daddy) March 17, 1910 - July 22, 1978
Lora B. (Mama) November 25, 1907 - July 28, 1969
(D) Stella 1942 - 1943
(E) George 1932
(F) William H. Carpenter (W.H.C.) December 25, 1938 - July 20, 1970
(G) BOWERS Infant Son August 18, 1942
Frances M. July 22, 1941 - August 1, 1941
Children of Pauline & Cecil
(H) (Pillar monument) NANCE
Sophronia Joanna Tucker wife of H.A. Nance (S.J.N.)
June 4, 1866 - May 22, 1928
Dear Mother is gone but not forgotten
(I) (Pillar monument) NANCE
H. A. Nance December 28, 1861 - February 18, 1921 (H.A.N.)
Gone but not forgotten
(J) Come Ye Blessed J. R. Nance July 26, 1890 - February 16, 1920 (J.R.N.)
(K) Oscar Brantly Nance February 8, 1902 - January 31, 1977
(L) Mary Ann Nance Infant daughter of Marvin F. & Letha R. Nance
November 18, 1935
(M) Warren Lance Nance Infant son of Marvin F. & Letha R. Nance
July 27, 1933
(N) John Daniel Nance Infant Son of Marvin F. & Letha R. Nance
December 31, 1937

Left to Right with the Road on the Left side: "The New Section."

- ROW I (1) BROADAWAY Dovie K. August 6, 1903 -
Joseph H. (Father) February 21, 1907 - May 9, 1980
- ROW II (1) JOHNSON Ruby K. Johnson (R.K.J.) October 18, 1915 - April 30, 1986
(on Back) Isaiah 55:6
Brice T. Johnson (B.T.J.) January 26, 1917 - December 3, 1974
(on Back) II Chronicles 7:14
- (2) SHEPPARD Flonnie V. (Mother) 1907 -1991
S. G. "Seb" (Father) March 7, 1902 - October 14, 1976
Children Elgie, Dewey, Bobby
- (3) "Ricky" Richard W. Hildreth August 13, 1970 - December 10, 1982 (Son)
A SPECIAL CHILD
- 3 grave spaces
- (4) TAYLOR Lonnie W. (Husband) August 29, 1903 - September 16, 1983
Blanche A. (Wife) October 31, 1902 - April 1, 1991
- (5) SHEPPARD Bobby Graham (B.G.S.) July 15, 1938 - May 25, 1990
- Children Angela, Graham
- ROW III (1) GADDY Emma T. (Mother) 1901 - 1971
Jimmie P. 1906 -
- (2) TUCKER Billy Joe October 27, 1931 - January 25, 1980
- (3) TUCKER Charles Hamp (Father) September 19, 1899 - June 16, 1979
Wed February 7, 1925
Frances Rushing (Mother) May 15, 1904 -
- (4) TUCKER Ruby N. (Mother) May 23, 1915 - November 9, 1987
Fred A. (Father) March 8, 1912 -
- ROW IV (1) TYSON Zelma (Mother) July 14, 1900 - June 8, 1987
Clyde (Father) September 17, 1891 - September 26, 1966
(Clyde Lee Tyson North Carolina PFC 156 Depot Brigade
World War I)
- (2) KIKER Cannie Jerome April 29, 1909 - August 30, 1970
Mary Wallace November 2, 1905 -
- ROW V (1) Darius Wayne Son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Taylor
February 12, 1949 - May 22, 1966 Gone to be with Jesus
space with azalea
- (2) Nelson Vance Tucker PFC US Army World War II 1927 - 1983
- (3) TUCKER Vera C. April 6, 1913 -
Scott Owen September 28, 1909 -
- (4) TUCKER Aldine L. August 6, 1905 - September 10, 1982
William Thomas March 20, 1907 -
- (5) CAUDLE Hamp M. Caudle September 2, 1919 - November 6, 1988
- (6) CAUDLE Connie L. Caudle (C.L.C.) April 25, 1916 -
- (7) CAUDLE Charles Cull Caudle (C.C.C.) April 30, 1928
- ROW VI (1) TUCKER Dora Thomas January 29, 1896 - February 5, 1972
Married May 3, 1914
Will March 7, 1886 - March 28, 1965
- (2) TUCKER Fannie Sikes (Mother) October 4, 1891 - June 6, 1981
Married Janaury 4, 1922
Vance (Father) April 11, 1896 - April 27, 1968
(Vance Tucker North Carolina PFC Field Artillery World War I)
- (3) THREADGILL William Vann (Father) December 9, 1899 - November 23, 1968
Married March 16, 1918
Clara B. (Mother) August 30, 1896 - July 15, 1989

ROW VI space
(4) TAYLOR Charlie L. (Father) July 18, 1903 - September 22, 1980
Lizzie M. (Mother) March 29, 1907 - April 15, 1976

ROW VII (1) STAMEY Claudie K. October 2, 1903 - November 9, 1979
Lewis V. September 7, 1889 - October 7, 1963
He died as he lived, a Christian
(2) NANCE Effie K. (Mother) September 28, 1893 - May 11, 1981
Alfred A. (Father) June 2, 1892 - August 28, 1964

ROW VIII (1) Kenneth Phillip Infant Son of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Barbee
June 24, 1963 - July 26, 1963
space (2)
(2) KIKER Mother Mary Caudle (M.C.K.)
October 30, 1911 - November 25, 1988
Father Charles Vernon (C.V.K.)
February 2, 1910 - March 7, 1984
(3) THOMAS Charlie B. father June 13, 1909 -
mother Frances F. May 18, 1912 -
space
(4) BARTON Samuel W. Barton September 22, 1958 - August 15, 1981
Sing unto the Lord a new song
(5) BARTON Geraldine T. (Mother) December 4, 1932 - February 25, 1969
(Masonic insigna)
Walter S. (Father) April 12, 1934 -

ROW IX (1) Infant son of Tommy & Linda Sikes May 21, 1963 - May 22, 1963
(2) SIKES Linda H. January 17, 1940 -
Married January 10, 1959
Tommy A. September 27, 1937 - April 18, 1971
space
(3) KIKER
(Charles Cedric Kiker North Carolina SP3 516 Med. Clearing Co.)
(4) BEACHUM Luther M. Beachum December 11, 1885 - August 21, 1968
(Father)
(5) BEACHUM Audrey Findley Beachum February 20, 1898 - November 27, 1978
(Mother)
(6) CARELOCK Mattie K. (Mother) March 30, 1912 -
LeRoy H. (Father) June 8, 1908 -

ROW X stab 100
(1) SMITH Ernest James (Dad) August 9, 1911 - August 7, 1984
Cassie Sinclair (Mom) January 12, 1913
Married March 27, 1932
Children Charles M. Mary E. Betty G.
(2) KIKER Mother Naomi B. Kiker (N.B.K.)
January 4, 1906 - November 5, 1970
Father Charles Ed Kiker (C.E.K.)
March 2, 1907 - May 19, 1961
In Gods Care
(3) THOMAS Clyde Vance November 28, 1901 - June 11, 1964
Lizzie Bowers (Mother) October 25, 1902 - March 9, 1978
stab marked W
(4) WILLIAMS Leo M. Kiker (Mother) 1903 - 1991
William Sidney 1898 - 1966
stab marked W

ROW X (5) KEARNEY Mary Magdalene November 11, 1919 - (Mother)
 Married 1940
 Edward Crawford February 1, 1917 - June 8, 1984 (Father)
 Children Linda, Pat, Daphne, Carole, Dennis, Marie

ROW XI space
 (1) McCOLLUM Wife Cleon Bowers April 27, 1906 - January 15, 1963
 Husband Joseph Frank September 9, 1903 - February 3, 1958
 (Footer at their plot)
 Harry Mason McCollum US Navy WORLD WAR II January 4, 1928 -
 October 7, 1983
 (2) PRESLAR Jonah Brice (Father) November 7, 1907 - January 9, 1977
 Callie Mae H. (Mother) September 4, 1912 -
 Children Dorothy, Ann
 space (2 double plots)
 (3) PRESLAR Marshall M. Preslar April, 1895 - Setember 30, 1982
 (Father)
 Eva H. Preslar May 3, 1905 - July 4, 1985 (Mother)

ROW XII (1) HIGH (all information on footstones)
 Sharon D. High November 29, 1956 - August 28, 1959
 Gertie H. High May 4, 1924 - August 19, 1989
 Avery E. High October 5, 1921 -
 (2) MEDLIN Lemuel Wilson January 5, 1884 - April 7, 1962
 Dora elizabeth Caudle December 16, 1883 - December 16, 1973
 (3) KIKER James Alex (Father) November 1, 1902 - August 9, 1967
 Faye Helms (Mother) October 16, 1908 - September 25, 1990
 (4) KIKER C. Hampton December 28, 1913 - August 27, 1975
 Ruby L. April 16, 1914
 Children Edsel Kenneth Linda
 Amazing Grace - How Sweet The Sound
 space (2)
 (5) GOODMAN Linda, Sylvia, Donna, Deborah
 Mother Margaret Louise Kiker December 23, 1921 -
 Father George Crump Goodman PFC US Army World War II
 December 28, 1920 - September 17, 1979
 (6) GOODMAN Sylvia L. Goodman (Daughter) July 31, 1946 - February
 11, 1986

ROW XIII space
 (1) HUNEYCUTT Eloise (E.H.) April 1, 1915 - November 17, 1987
 Addie Lee (A.L.H.) October 30, 1917 - December 15, 1989
 (2) James M. Bowers PFC US Army World War II 1921 - 1989
 space
 (3) HILDRETH Truston H. November 18, 1907 - February 13, 1981
 Married May 3, 1930
 Bessie H. (Mother) February 24, 1914 - August 1, 1986

ROW XIV (1) THOMAS James B. (Father) February 11, 1921 - January 17, 1987
 Edna B. (Mother) July 14, 1919 -
 (James Boyce Thomas Tec 5 US Army World War II)

Additions to the Cemetery Survey

Old section:

Row 14 (C) Martin Albert Bowers
December 15, 1903 - December 28, 1991

New Section:

A row in front of Row I has the grave of
Pearl O'Neil Thomas
February 2, 1911 - February 21, 1992

This reminder of a solitary grave, may be connected with Hopewell.

A grave marker beside State Road # 1438, Kiker Road;
Located 7/10ths of a mile off N.C. Highway 218 on the right.

James T. Beachum
Co. K 45 NC INF
March 30, 1837 -
June 10, 1907

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